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PREFACE.

On presenting to the public another Manual of Family Prayer, in addition to the many which are already in existence, I deem it necessary to make some apology ; as, without explanation, some might think the present work unnecessary or useless. It is with feelings of the highest respect and esteem for many of the authors of former manuals, that I bring before the Public the present one ; desiring no more than that it may be found acceptable amongst *others*, without detracting in the least from *their* merits.

Many and urgent reasons have for a long time weighed with me in taking the present work in hand. The very general omission of all the excellent prayers of our Church—the want of responses or prayers repeated by all the worshippers—the length of the devotions,—and the absence of anything like a systematic reading of the Scriptures,—seemed to me the chief defects in our present system of family worship. It has been therefore my earnest aim and endeavour, in the present work, to rectify these evils ; and thus to promote hearty, sincere, and united worship amongst the Christian families of this land,—with daily instruction from the blessed Word

of God, which has been given us to be a "lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our paths."

Besides a manual of prayers for five weeks, with a calendar of daily Scripture lessons throughout the year—special prayers and lessons have been added for the different holy days and seasons appointed to be observed by our Church; as I hold it essentially right that amongst all members of Christ's Church catholic on earth, the true spirit and tone of religion inculcated by that branch of it to which they belong, should pervade the thoughts, feelings, and worship of every member of it. Care has also been taken to provide special prayers for the varying circumstances and vicissitudes of life which occur so often amongst families—thus drawing them into constant communion with their Heavenly Father, and imploring His blessing and help at every turn of their daily life. The collects, and other portions of the liturgy of our Church, have been extensively used in the present work, followed each day by some special prayer, suitable to the wants and necessities of a Christian household. The Lord's prayer has been, in many cases, omitted,—especially on Sundays;—as the constant, and perhaps too frequent use of it, is often calculated to make its repetition formal and cold, and to lead to an utter forgetfulness of its solemnity and depth of meaning. Versicles and responses have been inserted in many places, with prayers—in italics, to be read *by all assembled*; (for which purpose small copies of this work will be extensively provided;) that thus united and attentive worship, may be promoted amongst *all*, according to the custom of *our Church* in her public services.

While an advocate for forms of prayer *in general*, I wish most sincerely to deprecate all unnecessary forms and ceremonies in the worship of God. Where the leader of family or other devotions has the gift of eloquence and power, extempore prayer may be fully as warm and earnest as any liturgy can be; this however is so seldom the case, that a simple form of worship, of a sufficiently various nature to avoid monotony, and sufficiently short to prevent weariness or inattention, will *generally* be found more conducive to true spiritual worship acceptable unto our Heavenly Father.

In conclusion, I most earnestly desire the God of all grace and glory to bless this work to the welfare of His people; that they may daily know more of His blessed Word,—daily be convinced, more and more of their own helplessness and sin, through the work of His Holy Spirit,—daily learn to breathe and trust in the atoning merits and righteousness of our Saviour Jesus Christ,—and daily be enabled (by seeking grace from above) to show forth good works, as the fruits of a living faith in Him; to the honour and praise of His name, “who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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A MANUAL
OF
FAMILY PRAYER.

[The Prayers printed in *Italics* are meant to be read by all present.]

FIRST WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—(See in the Calendar for Sundays at the end of the book, or else read the daily Lesson).

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL and Almighty Father, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we bless Thee for the return of another sacred day of rest,—for another opportunity of assembling ourselves together in Thy holy house of prayer, and partaking of the Bread of Life,—even that blessed gospel which brings glad tidings of great joy to all “weary and heavy-laden sinners.” May this day be one of spiritual comfort and refreshment to all Thy people; have mercy upon those who are still unconverted, if any such there may be in our household; send Thy Holy Spirit to quicken them unto a sense of their lost estate, to open their eyes that they may see their sin, and feel no rest until, coming unto Him “who will in no wise cast out,” they believe in His finished sacrifice, and so believing may “not perish, but have everlasting life.” Bless all Thy ministering servants, both in this and distant lands; endue them with grace and power boldly to preach Christ crucified, and “make known the mystery of the

gospel;" may multitudes, by their instrumentality, be brought home into Thy fold, and saved from the wrath to come, among the remnant of Thy true Israelites. Bless us all with Thy Holy Spirit, who are now assembled before Thee,—that so we may be prepared for the sacred duties of this day, and be enabled to worship and praise Thee acceptably in the assembly of Thy saints. Into Thy hands we commend ourselves this day and for evermore; preserve us from all sin and evil, and watch over us for good; keep us by Thy power through this life, and of Thine infinite mercy bring us hereafter to the "many mansions above;" where we shall be free from all sin, and enabled to serve Thee evermore in holiness and perfect righteousness. We ask every blessing in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate, who with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Eternal Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests to God and His Father, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

Almighty Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL and Almighty Jehovah, who art the God of our life and the length of our days, who upholdest all things by the word of

Thy power, "the day is Thine, and the night also is Thine;" again another Sabbath has drawn to its close, and again we would thank and praise Thee for its blessings and privileges; but, above all, for the gospel of Thy grace which has been proclaimed in our ears,—its message to the "weary and heavy-laden,"—and for the peace and joy it brings to all them to whom it is given to believe. We confess, with shame and sorrow, our sins and iniquities; truly they are gone over our heads, and are like a "sore burden too heavy for us to bear;" but on Thee, O Lamb of God, we fix our hopes; Thou hast our pardon bought, by the one sacrifice of Thyself upon the cross, and hast wrought out a perfect righteousness for all Thy people, whereby they stand accepted before God. We plead Thy precious blood and merits, knowing that believing in Thy work thus, we "shall *not* perish, but have everlasting life." O Holy Spirit, who alone hast wrought all good desires and thoughts in us; sanctify us this night with Thy blessed presence,—assure us of our eternal salvation, through the merits of our Saviour,—and "bear witness with *our* spirits, that we are indeed children of God." Bless Thy gospel which has been preached this day to young and old; draw every member of this household to believe in the great Atonement for sin, to turn unto Thee with all their hearts, and to do "works meet for repentance." Finally, we pray Thee, O heavenly Father, to take us under Thy protection this night; be with us when we lie down and when we rise up; and accept these, our imperfect prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant,—make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday Morning.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Thy holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders; spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults; restore Thou them that are penitent, according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we desire to draw near into Thy sacred presence, in the name of Him whom Thou hearest always; we come anew, casting ourselves upon the infinite fulness of our Redeemer, assured of our acceptance with Thee through His righteousness, and of our freedom from condemnation, for it is He "that hath died." Give us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit this day, that we may be enabled to "lay aside every weight, and the sins which do so easily beset us, and to run with patience the race set before us." Do Thou, O Lord, shed

abroad Thy presence in this household, and make every member of it Thine own; bless all our friends, both present and absent; lead *them* also unto a saving knowledge of Thy truth, that they and we may finally be saved among the remnant of Thy true Israelites. Help us this day in all our duties and labours—make us “fervent in spirit, serving Thee”—preserve us in our going out and coming in, and so lead and guide us through this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Monday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all dangers and perils of this night; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us we beseech Thee under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a

perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God our heavenly Father, who hast mercifully preserved us during another day, we desire to commit ourselves, soul and body, unto Thee, ere we retire to rest. Glory be to Thy name for all the blessings of the light ; now that the shades of darkness have again drawn around us, do Thou keep us in safety beneath the shadow of Thy wings from all harm and danger ; grant us refreshing sleep, and bestow upon us all things needful both for our souls and bodies. Bless this our family and household ; may every heart be brought daily nearer Thee ; “work in each of us both to will and to do according to Thy good pleasure ;” and may the fruits of the Spirit abound in us to the praise and glory of Thy name. Bless also, O Lord, all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray ; convert them by Thy mighty power, guide them with Thy heavenly counsel, and finally bring them and us, to that blessed home above, which thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Tuesday Morning.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven ; hallowed be Thy name ; Thy

kingdom come ; Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil ; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

And grant us Thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.

And make Thy chosen people joyful..

O Lord, save Thy people.

And bless Thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us but only Thou, O God.

O God, make clean our heart within us.

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us ; for the honour of Jesus Christ our mediator and advocate. Amen.

O LORD our Heavenly Father, who art eternal in power and majesty, and in whom " we live, and move, and have our being ;" we approach Thee this morning with humble thanks for the mercies of the past night, and asking for a blessing on the coming day ; take us under Thy peculiar care ; may we seek to do Thy will in all things, and knowing it, may we proceed prayerfully and watchfully

on our heavenward way. Bless this family and household, may we all know the blessedness of peace with Thee through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; and being joyfully assured of our own "inheritance among the saints in light," may we strive in everything to "walk worthy of Thee who hast called us to Thy kingdom and glory," and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in. Into Thy hands we commit ourselves this day, both soul and body; "order all our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not;" take us into Thy gracious keeping; preserve us from all sin and danger, succour us in all temptations, and do for us, above all, that we can either ask or think, for the sake of our Redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against

us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.: Amen.

O LORD, we come into Thy sacred presence on this the evening of another day, thanking and praising Thee for all the unmerited tokens of Thy love and mercy which Thou hast shown towards us. We would confess our sins before Thee, and humbly seek for pardon through the precious blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, whom Thou has sent to be the *propitiation* for all sin. Bless this our household and all near and dear to us this night; may Thy fatherly hand ever be over us, and Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us. Keep us safely throughout the hours of darkness, grant us refreshing rest and slumber, and thus enable us to wake on the morrow to the duties of our several stations, in health and strength; especially we pray Thee to keep our *souls* safe from all sin; whether waking or sleeping may we be Thine; keep us by Thy power through this life, and “preserve us blameless unto Thy heavenly kingdom,” for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

thy name, O Lord, and thy household may
be blessed for ever. With Thee through the blood
of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, we are fully assured of our c
omplete forgiveness of all our sins. In Thy mercy, O Lord, may we strive in everyth
ing to be faithful to the call of Thy kingdom.
Thou hast prepared for us a way of life, O Lord, as Thou had prepared for u
s a way of life. We cannot ourselves this day, both
in Thy name and in the power of Thy path that our footsteps
may be kept from all unrighteousness. Preserve us from all
sin, O Lord, and from all unrighteousness. And do for us, above
all things, O Lord, that we may be able to look at our Redeemer
and say, "O Lord, Thou art my God."

And an
 Amen



Wednesday Morning.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory; through our only mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who art great, and greatly to be praised, whose goodness is unsearchable, who art the God of our life, and the length of our days; who appointest our lot, and settlest the bounds of our habitation; we thank Thee for all the mercies of the past night, and for the renewal of the same which we daily experience every morning; but, above all, we praise Thee for the full, free, and everlasting salvation obtained for Thy people in Christ Jesus,—humbly trusting that, as *believers*, we also shall be made partakers of that salvation, and be made heirs of Thine everlasting kingdom. Be Thou this day and for ever our covenant God and portion; Thy presence hallows all joys, and sweetens all sorrows; other friends may fail us, but

Thou never wilt ; if we have Thy favour and blessing, we are independent of every other ; be with us then, and bless us in our going out and coming in this day ; sanctify every duty and occupation, and whatever we do may we do all to *Thy* glory. Hasten, Lord, Thy kingdom throughout the world ; may each of us feel that we have some work to perform for Thee in extending it ; make us “diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving Thee ;” and grant that at the last day we may be found of Thee “without spot and blameless,” *through* the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us henceforth for evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent ; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things which, for our unworthiness, we dare not, and, for our blindness, we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, we draw near unto Thee this evening thanking Thee for all the mercies of the past day, and desiring to commend ourselves to Thy care and keeping during the coming night. Preserve our bodies in health and strength, and our souls by Thy "power, through faith, unto salvation." We desire to cast all our sins upon Thee, O merciful Saviour, who wast "made sin for us," knowing that Thou pardonest and absolvest freely all that come unto Thee. Help us to lay hold, with full assurance of faith, on the blessed hope of everlasting life, purchased for us through Thy precious blood. May each and all of us be everlastingly interested in Thy redemption; and may Thy Holy Spirit "fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in every good word and work." Grant us refreshing rest and slumber this night—provide abundantly for our spiritual and temporal comforts—keep us in safety from all harm and evil, and grant us more than either we desire or deserve, who ask everything in *Thy* name, to Whom, with the Father and the eternal Spirit, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE Lord bless us, and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Thursday Morning.

O LORD, open Thou our lips,
And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

O LORD our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast spared our lives, and brought us to the beginning of another day; we lift up our hearts unto Thee with gratitude and humble thanks for life preserved and strength renewed, and for the many tokens of Thy loving-kindness which surround us. Prepare us, O Lord, for the duties and occupations which lie before us; whatever we have to do, may we "do it heartily as unto Thee, and not unto men." Whatever may be our besetting sins, give us grace to know them, and to watch and fight against them. O give us more of the mind which was in Christ Jesus; make us more like Him in lowliness and meekness; may we be

“kind, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou, for His sake hast forgiven us,” and make us ever ready to “bear each other’s burden, and so fulfil His law.” Watch over us, O Lord, and all who are near and dear to us, during the coming day; defend our souls from the assaults of the wicked one; preserve our bodies in health and safety; and do for us above all that we can either ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who according to Thy mercy sparest them that truly repent; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins; Thy property is always to have mercy, to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants who are vile earth and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us who meekly acknowledge our sinfulness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever dwell with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, save Thy servants,
Who put their trust in Thee.
Send us help from Thy holy place,
And evermore mightily defend us.

Let the enemy have no advantage over us,
Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.
Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower,
From the face of our enemy.
Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

O LORD our God, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee ; we come to Thee before retiring to rest this night, to seek pardon and forgiveness for our many sins and transgressions, for the sake of Jesus our Redeemer. When we look back upon the events of a single day, O how much is there to confess and mourn over ? what neglect of duty, what indulgence of secret sins ? how many foolish and impatient words spoken ? how many resolutions and promises unfulfilled or forgotten ? But do Thou, O merciful God, “ blot out as a thick cloud our transgressions, and as a cloud our sins,” in the blood of Jesus Christ which “ cleanseth us from *all* sin.” “ Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously.” When we lie down to rest, may we have the comforting assurance of our “ peace made with Thee, through His blood upon the cross.” Be pleased to guard us from all evil this night ; grant us the blessing of refreshing rest, that we may wake on the morrow, if it should please Thee to spare us, with renewed powers of mind and body, devoted to serving Thee and doing Thy holy will ; and graciously hear now and answer our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

Friday Morning.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins ; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever ;

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief ; from sin ; from the crafts and assaults of the devil ; from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart ; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication and all other deadly sin, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion ; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism ; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word and commandment ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful ; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh

against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness, they may be dispersed ; that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, we bless and praise Thee for Thy mercies during the past night, and for Thy fatherly care and preservation of us from day to day. But, most of all, we thank Thee for that Thou hast so loved the world, as to give Thine only Son to “save His people from their sins.” For this, and all Thy wondrous mercies, O give us truly grateful and thankful hearts ; may we yield ourselves, body and soul, to Thy service, and “walk worthy of Thee who hast called us to Thy kingdom and glory.” Help us this day in all our duties and occupations, that we may perform them with cheerful and ready hearts, “as unto *Thee* and not unto *men*,” preserve us from all sin and evil, succour us in all temptation, bring us safely through this world of sin,—and take us hereafter to serve Thee for ever in Thy courts above, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Friday Evening.

O THOU that hearest the prayers of Thy people, and savest all that come unto Thee ;

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

By the mystery of Thy holy incarnation ; by Thy holy nativity, and circumcision ; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thine agony and bloody sweat ; by Thy cross and passion ; by Thy precious death and burial ; by Thy glorious resurrection and ascension ; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation ; in all time of our wealth ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves ; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, we bless and praise Thee for Thy mercies during the past day, and now desire to commend ourselves into Thy care and keeping for the coming night. Keep our bodies in health and safety, and our minds in peace. Let Thy fatherly hand ever be over us, and Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us, to lead and guide us into all truth. Convince us all, by the in-dwelling of *His* sacred presence, of our *own* sin and helplessness ; that being weary of our *own* righteousness, we may flee to Thy beloved Son, trusting in *His* precious blood to “ cleanse us from all sin,” and in *His* righteousness to make us pure and acceptable in Thy sight. Grant us Thy peace and heavenly blessing this night ; watch over us for good ; take our temporal, as well as our eternal interests into Thy keeping, whether waking or sleeping, may we be Thine ; and all we ask is for Jesus our Redeemer’s sake. Amen.

MAY grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the

Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon us and remain with us, and all near and dear to us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Saturday Morning.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom alone we live and move and have our being, graciously accept the prayers and praises with which we would begin another day. We thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us, and for all Thy bounty towards us. Grant that we may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in

holiness and righteousness all our days. Preserve us this day both in body and soul; enable us rightly to perform the duties of our several stations, remembering always that Thine eye is upon us, and that Thou art a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Be especially with the ministers of Thy gospel; may they earnestly seek how to prepare the Bread of Life for Thy people to-morrow, and enable them faithfully to divide the word of truth, and fearlessly to proclaim Thy message to mankind. Bless this our household abundantly with Thy grace; make every member of it Thine own; while companions on this earth, may we be together inheritors of Thine heavenly kingdom; and hereafter come to those eternal joys which Thou hast prepared for all them who unfeignedly love Thee, and where "there are pleasures at Thy right hand for evermore." We ask every blessing in the name of Him who, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth as our mediator and advocate, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Saturday Evening.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Thy holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us; but Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders; spare Thou them, O Lord, which con-

fess their faults ; restore Thou them that are penitent ; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord ; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions, and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us ; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father, who hast brought us safely to the close of another day, and another week, Thou crownest us daily with Thy goodness. How graciously hast Thou watched over us ! how bountifully hast Thou supplied our wants ! from how many and unseen dangers hast Thou preserved us ! Lord, what return can we make unto Thee for all that Thou hast done for us ? we will receive “the cup of salvation” in Thy house of prayer, and call upon Thy name. We are unworthy of the very least of all Thy mercies, and confess with shame and sorrow, our sin and guilt ; but, blessed be Thy name, in Thy Son Jesus Christ “is plenteous redemption ;” help us to look back by faith to that one sacrifice offered up by Him upon the cross, and enable us to rest joyfully in the assurance that our sins have thus been “put away” by Him, to be remembered no more. Grant to our souls peace and pardon this night, and to our bodies refreshing rest and sleep,—and prepare us, in mind and spirit, for the holy services and duties of Thy sacred day. We humbly ask

these blessings, in the name and for the sake of the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

SECOND WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions ; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father, who "holdeth our souls in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip ;" again, on the morning of another Sabbath, we present ourselves before Thy sacred Majesty, "having boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus," our surety and mediator,—who hath once for all wrought out and "obtained eternal redemption" for His people. We pray Thee especially to bless, to each of us, this time of sacred rest from earthly cares and toils ; may we rejoice in the spiritual blessings that are provided for us, and gain comfort and instruction from Thy Holy Word ; may Thy Spirit enlighten and purify our hearts, and "guide us into all truth," that so we may be "not hearers only, but doers of Thy word," and be enabled to show forth abundantly good works, "to the praise and glory of Thy grace." Eternal Spirit, who art the Lord and *giver of life*, bring home to the souls of many, in this and all lands,

the "glad tidings of the gospel;" convince them of sin, and give them no rest till, relying on the finished atonement of "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world," they obtain that peace which the world cannot give, and be finally made partakers of Thine eternal and glorious kingdom. Bless all Thy messengers this day, both here and everywhere; strengthen them abundantly with Thy grace—enable them faithfully to preach "the ministry of reconciliation," and to feed the lambs of Thy flock, with the spiritual food of Thy Word. Into Thy hands we now commend ourselves, both soul and body; take us into Thy gracious keeping this day, and grant to these our petitions, an answer of peace, through the merits, and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MAY the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the Everlasting Covenant,—make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good things, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable

service ; we come before Thee thanking Thee for the mercies and privileges of this holy day, and seeking Thy blessing and protection during the coming hours of darkness. O Thou who neither slumberest nor sleepest, "hide us under the shadow of Thy wings," and preserve us safely from all evils and dangers this night. Bless the words of Thy gospel which have been spoken by Thy ministers this day ; may they be the means in Thy hand of bringing many "out of darkness into Thy marvellous light"—of drawing many wanderers into Thy fold—of "healing the broken-hearted"—restoring the backsliders,—and comforting Thy saints, "building them up in their most holy faith." Eternal Spirit, shine on *our* hearts ; enable us to believe in the finished work of the Son of God ; may we obtain the assurance of pardon and forgiveness through His name ; and may this knowledge and faith constrain us to live no longer "unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us, and rose again from the dead." Into Thy hands, O Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves this night ; preserve us from all sin and evil ; whether waking or sleeping, may we be Thine ; and all we ask is for the sake of Him whom Thou hearest always, even Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Monday Morning.

O God, heavenly Father, who, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised to all them that seek Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech Thee, this day all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies,—that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, our heavenly Father, we desire to enter into Thy presence on this the morning of another day, thanking and praising Thee for all the blessings of the past night. Thy “compassions fail not, they are new every morning.” Blessed for ever be Thy glorious name, for all the mercies which Thou showest to us unworthy sinners; but especially we adore Thee for Thine infinite love and pity in sending Thy Son “into the world to save sinners;” may we ever have perfect faith in His atoning blood, and thus “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Fill us, O Lord, with such love for Thee, that in all our thoughts, words, and works, we may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and strive earnestly to walk according to Thy will, in our several stations,—doing always those things that are pleasing in Thy sight, through the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. Finally, we pray Thee, to deliver us from all sin and evil, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting

death ; and this we trust Thou wilt do, of Thy mercy and goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Monday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath power to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive us our offences, and bring us to everlasting life ; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth,—before whom angels and archangels veil their faces while they cry : “ Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which *was*, and *is*, and *is to come* ; ” incline Thy merciful ear unto us this night who have boldness to come unto Thee through faith in the sacrifice of Thine only Son, and in *His* righteousness imputed to all believers. We confess with shame and sorrow that we have erred and *strayed from Thy ways* like lost sheep ; we have left undone those

things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us ; but do thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders, for the sake of Christ our Saviour ; blot out all our iniquities, and give us grace henceforth to amend our lives according to Thy holy word. Watch over us, and all near and dear to us this night ; be with us when we lie down and when we rise up, so that whether waking or sleeping, we may be *Thine* alone,—saved, redeemed, and sanctified by Thy grace ; and all we ask is in the name, and for the sake of Him who has taught us thus to pray :

Our Father, &c.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Tuesday Morning.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us ; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD God Almighty, in whose hand is the breath of every living thing; look down, we beseech Thee, in compassion upon us as a family and household, who kneel again before Thee this morning, asking Thy blessing on the coming day. We acknowledge our transgressions, which worthily deserve Thy chastisement, and our "sin is ever before us;" but, in humble penitence and faith, we would look for pardon and mercy from Thee, through *His* blood, who was slain to "take away the sins of the world." Grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit this day, in all we do or say; enable us to "lay aside every weight, and the sins which do most easily beset us," and to "run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." Bless every member of this our household, in the several duties which are allotted to us; whatever we do, may we "do all to Thy glory;" be with us in our going out and coming in; "guide us with Thy counsel" during our earthly life, and finally "receive us into glory," for the sake of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist; to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil,—that being armed with Thy defence, we may

be preserved evermore from all sin and evil, to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all good things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, we pray Thee, in the name and for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, to grant Thy pardon and forgiveness to us this night, who have broken Thy laws both in thought, word, and deed. We would plead His atoning sacrifice and infinite righteousness as our ground of acceptance in Thy sight,—that being assured of Thy pardoning love, we may obtain that “peace which passeth all understanding,” and “receive inheritance among all them that are sanctified by faith in Him.” Bless this our household and family; may our’s be the heritage of those that fear Thy name—and may every member be brought home unto Thy fold, through the work of Thy Holy Spirit. Bless also all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray—inscribe their names in the Lamb’s Book of Life, and preserve them blameless unto Thy heavenly kingdom. Watch over us with Thine accustomed goodness and mercy this night; preserve us from all dangers, and do for us above all that we can either ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Morning.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

WE beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal, in the right way ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Thy servant Victoria, our most gracious Queen and Governor ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to rule our hearts in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that we may evermore have affiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to be our Defender and Keeper, giving us the victory over all sin, and succouring us in all temptation throughout this day ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O GOD, who declarest Thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity ; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL and Almighty God, who art from everlasting and world without end ; we thank Thee that Thou hast again permitted us to see the light of another day, and to rise in health and the full possession of our bodily powers. We pray for grace and strength

this day to perform the duties of our several stations with cheerful and ready hearts,—remembering Him who, when on earth, “pleased not Himself,” but “became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” May we be fellow-helpers in all that is good, and be daily strengthened by Thy grace to “walk worthy of our high calling in Christ Jesus;” while trusting in His full atonement for the pardon of our sins, and in His infinite righteousness as our ground of acceptance with Thee, may we “walk as children of light;” and manfully fight against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives’ end. Hear us, O merciful Father, and grant these our petitions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living,

to Thy honour and glory ; through our only mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants ; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEAVENLY Father, on this the close of another evening, we draw near unto Thee with humble thanks for all the mercies and blessings which Thou hast shown us during the past day. We thank Thee for life preserved, health renewed, talents committed to us, to be used for Thy honour and glory, and the many other tokens of Thy goodness which surround us ; but especially we bless Thee for the full, free, and everlasting salvation, obtained for us through the atoning blood of Thine only Son, and for the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, which Thou bestowest abundantly on all who ask for it. Lord, we pray Thee, to increase in us all the manifold gifts of His power,—the spirit of wisdom and understanding,—the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, and the fruits of holiness and righteousness. Bless our family and household ; may each and all of us find eternal redemption through the precious blood of Thy dear Son ; and being made “ heirs with him,” enable us to yield ourselves wholly to Thy service, in everything seeking Thy honour and glory, and “ the profit of many that they may be saved.” Preserve us this night from all harm and evil ; may we “ lie down in peace and take our rest, knowing that it is Thou only who makest us dwell in safety,” and of Thy gracious goodness raise us up again, if it be Thy will, in health and strength, to serve and glorify Thee on the morrow. We ask every blessing in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Thursday Morning,

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy tender love towards mankind has sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same by Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Father of all mercies, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; we Thy humble servants appear before Thy throne this morning to offer unto Thee our grateful thanks and praises for the mercies of the past night. May Thine abundant loving-kindness to us, O Lord, touch our hearts with compassion for our poor and needy brethren, that we may do the utmost that lies in our power to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities—remembering the words of our Saviour, that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” Preserve each of us this day in our several stations, from all the snares and devices with which Satan would endeavour to draw away our souls from Thee; keep us by Thy power, “through faith, unto salvation;” maintain the work of grace in our hearts which Thou hast begun, that we may be confirmed unto the end. Enable us, by faith, to see our sins laid upon the

Lamb of God—our peace made “by the blood of His cross”—and *His* righteousness imputed to us ; that thus going forth in *Thy* strength, and making “mention of *Thy* righteousness only” we may cheerfully perform the appointed duties of our several stations in *this* life, and finally be “more than conquerors through Him who loved us ;” to whom now, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the words which we have read this day may, through Thy grace, be so grafted in our hearts; that they may bring forth the fruits of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who watchest over us by day and ~~night~~, and never ~~slumberest~~ nor ~~sleepest~~ ; into Thy hands we desire to

commit ourselves this night, praying Thee to shield us by Thy power from all evil things which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. Grant us needful rest and repose during the hours of darkness, and let no evil dreams disturb us, nor powers of darkness molest us. Preserve us as a household and family from all sin and wickedness; convert each one of us by the mighty power of Thy Holy Spirit; open our eyes to see our sin—grant us true sorrow and repentance—and lead us through faith in the atoning blood of the Lamb, “slain from the foundation of the world,” to obtain the assurance of pardon and forgiveness from Thee, and that peace which the world cannot give or take away. We pray not for ourselves alone, O Lord, but for our friends and relations, and all near and dear to us; of Thy great mercy save them and us from all evil—inscribe their names in “the Book of Life”—and so keep us all “by Thy power, through faith, unto salvation”—that finally, when we have put off this mortal body, we may enter with joy into the presence of Thee our Lord, there to serve Thee for evermore; and all we ask is for Jesus our Redeemer’s sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, &c.

Friday Morning.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

WE, sinners, do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal, in the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, and to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O most merciful God, our heavenly Father; accept we pray Thee this morning, our prayers of praise and thanksgiving for Thy preservation of us during the past night; and graciously keep us from all evil throughout the coming day. Make us deeply sensible of Thine untold mercies towards us—health and strength, food and clothing, home and friends, the comforts of life, and means of support—all these are the bounteous gifts of Thy love. Our times are truly in Thy hand, and in Thee “we live and move, and have our being.” We pray Thee to take us under Thy special care this day; keep us from all sin and evil, and order our steps in Thy ways, that no temptation may have the dominion over us. Be with all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray; may they and we know the blessedness of peace with Thee through the blood of the cross; may we all be led to rejoice in the free grace and mercy prepared for Thy people from all eternity; being redeemed from the curse of the law, may we ever strive to fulfil that law out of love to Him who “was made sin for us;” and so following Thee, in Thy faith and fear, through this life, we may finally come to that eternal inheritance above, which Thou hast prepared for all who unfeignedly love Thee, through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.

Friday Evening.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever:

Spare us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us an heart to love and fear Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy Holy Word:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOST merciful God and heavenly Father, we Thy servants humbly desire to present our petitions before Thy throne of grace this evening, pleading for pardon and forgiveness through the merits of Him whom Thou hast revealed to us, as the Saviour of all who come to Him. Enable us to rest on the solid and joyful assurance, that He "hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us;" and being filled thus with holy love and fear, cause us, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, to do all such good works as Thou hast "before ordained that we should walk in." Bless Thy Word which has just been read to all here present; may it be deeply en-

grafted in all our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruits of faith and love. Into Thy fatherly hands we commend ourselves this night; keep us in health and safety, preserve us from all evil, and do for us above all that we can either ask or think; for the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Saturday Morning.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; save us and hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for our Queen and all who are in authority under her; that Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations; these and all other necessities for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast made the light and the darkness, the morning and evening, to praise Thee; we and all our household now

assembled together desire to offer up our grateful thanks unto Thee for Thy preservation of us during the past night, and for having again permitted us to see the light of another day. O help us to remember how short our time is; that the night cometh when no man *can* work; and that we must all appear before Thy judgment-seat, to give account of the deeds done in our body. May each of us know and feel that we are hid in the righteousness of Christ—that our sins have been for ever put away by His sacrifice upon the cross—and that His holiness and righteousness are imputed to us; that thus, our hearts being “set at liberty,” we may run the way of Thy commandments, and go forth to our daily duties with cheerful and ready hearts, with “good will doing service as unto Thee and not unto men.” And finally, grant, O Lord, that when Thou comest in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, and receive the crown of life which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee; through Thy merits, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Evening.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and be born of a pure virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our

Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the aid of all that put their trust in Thee, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; we humbly beseech Thee to take us and all our household under Thy loving protection this night; grant us peaceful repose, and quiet rest in Thee; may we feel safe under Thy watchful care, and know assuredly that whether waking or sleeping, in life or in death, we are Thine. Enable us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit to be truly repentant of our sins, and thus be led to come, "weary and heavy-laden," to our Redeemer, and of Him to obtain mercy and "plenteous redemption;" that so our hearts may be prepared,—“through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth,”—to worship Thee acceptably on Thy holy day, and thankfully to rejoice in “the glad tidings of the gospel.” Bless all near and dear to us with Thy heavenly grace; have mercy upon all the ends of the earth; draw “all manner of men” unto Thee, by the preaching of Thy Word; and of Thy gracious goodness shortly accomplish the number of Thine elect, and hasten Thy kingdom. Hear us, O Lord, and according to Thine abundant mercy grant us an answer of peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.

THIRD WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Almighty Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; for the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL and almighty God, we come into Thy presence on this the morning of another sacred Day, pleading the merits and intercession of Jesus our Redeemer; may we, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, have faith in His atoning sacrifice, and while humbled and truly penitent on account of our sins,—yet rejoice in the blessed assurance that He hath “once for all *put away* sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Bless the ministers of Thy Word this day; O Thou “Lord of the harvest, send forth more labourers into Thy harvest;” bless those who are now working in it abundantly with Thy grace; may they earnestly and faithfully preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and in every place where Thy gospel-trump is sounded, may multitudes be brought home into the true fold, and saved from the wrath to come.” Bless every member of this household; may each soul, being convinced of sin and guilt by Thy Holy Spirit, be led to “come unto Him who will in no-wise cast out,” and thus obtain pardon and peace from Thee, and “inheritance among all them that are sanctified.” Bless the means of grace which this day affords to us all; enable us to worship Thee “in spirit and in truth,”—to hear Thy Word with joy, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit,—and may each earthly Sabbath fit us more and more for that eternal rest

above, to which we humbly hope to be brought, for the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MAY the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,—make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, we most humbly thank Thee for that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee,—and hast made us also heirs through the hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, through the merits of the most precious death and passion of Thy dear Son; and we pray Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may ever continue in Thy faith and fear, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, to all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God our heavenly Father, accept, we pray Thee, our thanks and praises this evening for all the mercies of the past day. We bless Thee for the comforts and necessities which we enjoy; but, above all, for the life and death of Thy Son our Saviour, who came “to seek and to save that which was lost.” We bless Thee for the opportunities we have this day had of attending Thy house of prayer, of hearing Thy holy Word, and the preaching of Thy gospel; O let not Thy Word “return unto

Thee void," but make it "accomplish that which Thou pleasest, and prosper in the thing whereto Thou sendest it." Bring home many wanderers into Thy fold, that they may be saved among the remnant of Thy true Israelites, and be made "one fold under one Shepherd." Grant us Thy protection during the hours of the coming night; be with us when we lie down, and when we rise up; preserve us from all harm and evil,—grant that, whether waking or sleeping, we may finally live with Thee above; and all we ask is in *His* name "who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity," and to whom with Thee and the Eternal Spirit, Three in One, be ascribed all honour and glory, dominion and power, now and for evermore. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, *now* and for evermore. Amen.

Monday Morning.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ our mediator and advocate. Amen.

O GOD our heavenly Father, who by Thy gracious providence dost cause Thy sun to shine forth upon the evil and the good, and sendest rain upon the just and the unjust; we give Thee humble thanks for all Thine abundant mercies and loving-kindnesses, where-with Thou dost comfort us, Thy unworthy servants, to the glory of

Thy holy name, through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the Author of all godliness; be ready we beseech Thee to hear the devout prayers of Thy people, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, we thank Thee for being raised up in health and strength to see the light of another day; be with us now kneeling before Thee, and may Thy blessing rest upon us before we go forth to the duties and labours of another week. Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter; and may the blessed truths of Thy gospel, which we have heard, be still working in our hearts, and bring forth fruit to Thy praise and glory. Keep us this day from all sin and evil; preserve us in our going out and coming in; and all that we ask is for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has taught us thus to pray:

Our Father, which art in Heaven, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Monday Evening.

O Lord, we beseech Thee absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon us; that we, being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy

holy Word, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that we may, at length, attain to the light of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, who hast made the day and night, the light and darkness to praise Thee ; we pray Thee to keep us in safety by Thy watchful providence during the hours of darkness ; may we ever trust in Thy mercy, and repose peacefully under Thy care, knowing that Thou “never ~~slumberest~~ nor sleepest,” and that “like as a father pitieth his children, so Thou art merciful to them that fear Thee.” Forgive us for all the sins of the past day, and blot them out of Thy book for the sake of our Saviour ; in *His* name and through *His* precious blood we look for pardon and absolution, and would humbly plead *His* righteousness as our ground of merit and acceptance with Thee. May Thy Holy Spirit shed abroad peace and joy into our hearts through faith in Him, and make us “fruitful in every good word and work.” Bless all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray ; enrol their names in the “Lamb’s book of Life ;” lead them unto Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit ; preserve them and us through our earthly pilgrimage, and, finally, bring us all to that eternal rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy people above, for the sake of Him “who is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption ;” and to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Spirit, One in covenant for our salvation, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for ever. Amen.

Tuesday Morning.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create, and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, save Thy servants,

Who put their trust in Thee.

Send unto them help from above,

And evermore mightily defend them.

Help us, O God, our Saviour,

And for the glory of Thy name deliver us; and be merciful to us, sinners, for Thy name's sake.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour; and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and, finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, three Persons in one God, who rulest over earth and heaven; blessed be Thy name for all the mercies which Thou hast shown to us during the past night, and for the renewal of health and strength which we enjoy each succeeding morning. But, above all, we bless Thee, gracious Father, for the life and death of Thy dear Son, in coming “to seek and to save that which was lost;” may Thy Holy Spirit convince us all of sin, and make us know and feel that there is “none other name under heaven, given among

men," whereby we must be saved, but only *His* name who hath "once appeared to put *away* sin by the sacrifice of Himself." For *His* sake we pray Thee to accept these our prayers and praises this morning; for *His* sake we pray Thee to keep us safely from all sin and evil throughout the day; and for *His* sake and through *His* merits alone, we pray Thee to receive us finally into Thy heavenly kingdom, there to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against Thy holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders; spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults; restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesu our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life; to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but for the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, our heavenly Father; accept we pray Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving this evening, for all the mercies of the past day; and graciously pardon our many sins, in thought, word, and deed, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; enable us, by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to be truly repentant for them; and while humbled and contrite before Thee, yet learn to breathe and trust in *His* righteousness, "who was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of Thee in Him." Bless us as a family and household; may our's be the heritage of those that fear Thy name, and may each of us, in his vocation and ministry, truly and godly serve Thee. Into Thine hands we desire to commend ourselves this night, both soul and body; watch over us for good—keep us from all harm and evil—and take our temporal, as well as our eternal, interests into thy keeping for evermore. We ask every blessing in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen,

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

O Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and One God, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners,

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore-

fathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever:

Spare us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve this our household; to deliver us this day from all dangers, and guide us through all temptations:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant us the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may *think* those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may *perform* the same:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bless all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray; and to make Thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies; we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness, to us and to all men; we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory; and we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,—by giving up ourselves to Thy service,—and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all

our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

That it may please Thee to grant Thy people grace to “receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls,” and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HEAVENLY Father, we draw near unto Thee this night, mourning over the many sins of which we have been guilty this day, in thought, word, and deed ; we can only plead the atoning merits of Thy Son, Christ Jesus ; enable us by faith to see the whole burden of our guilt and sin laid upon Him, the Divine Substitute of His Church, and

the covenant Head of His people; and may His righteousness, imputed to us, make ourselves and our offerings truly acceptable in Thy sight. Bless us as a family; may each of us know and feel the happiness of *peace* with Thee, "through the blood of His cross," and be kept by the power of Thy Holy Spirit "through faith unto salvation." Bless Thy Church universal, throughout the world; draw multitudes of every country and tongue, into the true fold, under one Shepherd, that they may be saved through Him "with an everlasting salvation." Preserve our souls and bodies this night in Thy safe keeping; protect us from all evils and dangers, and grant us refreshing rest and sleep, with all other things needful both for our souls and bodies. We ask every blessing in the name of Him who "ever liveth to make intercession for us," and to whom, with Thee and the eternal Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Thursday Morning.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O LORD, show Thy mercy upon us,

And grant us Thy salvation.

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness,

And make Thy chosen people joyful.

O God, make clean our hearts within us,

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ His sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our merciful Creator and preserver; we desire on this the beginning of another day, to offer up our humble thanks and praises unto Thee, for all the mercies of the past night, and for Thy care in bringing us together again this morning, renewed in health and strength for our daily duties. Truly Thy "compassions fail not, they are new every morning," and in Thee "we live and move, and have our being." Preserve us in our going out and coming in, throughout the day; shield us from all danger, keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. Cleave our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name, by striving, each in our several stations, to do Thy will, and walk worthy of our high calling. We come unto Thee *now*, as *always*, trusting in the atoning blood of Thy beloved Son; through Him who is the "One Mediator between God and man," may we obtain from Thee pardon and peace; and being partakers of *His* righteousness, which is "unto all and upon all them that believe" here below, may we finally come to that eternal and glorious kingdom above, where, with Thee and the eternal Spirit, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray; and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

MAY our Lord Jesus Christ, "who will in no-wise cast out" them that come unto Him; have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and of His great mercy bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, Thy goodness and tender mercies to us never cease; "Thou art about our path, and about our bed; Thou knowest our down-sitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off." We pray Thee, for Christ our Saviour's sake, to forgive all that Thou hast seen amiss in us this day; through Him may we have full and free forgiveness—through Him may we be accounted righteous—and through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, may we be made full willing to come unto Thee, and find eternal rest for our souls. And now, O Lord, take us under thy watchful care this night; preserve us from all evil, grant us refreshing rest and sleep, and enable us to continue the duties of our several stations in health and strength on the morrow. We offer up these our imperfect prayers in the name of Him who has taught us thus to pray:

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us,—and all near and dear to us,—this night and for evermore. Amen.

Friday Morning.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD God Almighty, in whose hands is the breath of every living thing; look down in mercy upon our family and household this morning, and graciously hearken to our prayers. We thank Thee for all the mercies of the past night, and now humbly pray for a renewal of the same throughout this day. May Thy blessing be abundantly bestowed upon us, even Thy gracious favour and love;

may we be assured that we are Thy children by adoption and grace—redeemed by the blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit—and knowing this, may we ever strive “to walk *worthy* of Thee, who hast called us to Thy kingdom and glory.” Enable us, in all our duties and occupations, to seek *Thy* glory and the increase of Thy kingdom, “with good will doing service, as unto Thee, and not unto men.” Have mercy upon all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray; turn them from all their sins—lead them by Thy Holy Spirit to the knowledge of Jesus, as a *Saviour* and *merciful Redeemer*; that they and we may all finally be brought through *His* precious blood, and for the sake of *His* merits and righteousness, to the glorious inheritance of Thy people above,—there to serve Thee, world without end. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Friday Evening.

O LORD, deal not with us after our sins,
Neither reward us after our iniquities.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; and who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those that truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more; open Thine eye of mercy upon us, Thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness; that we, being cleansed from all our sins, may serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, our heavenly Father; once more, before we retire to rest, we would gather together to show forth our

unfeigned thankfulness to Thee for all the blessings of the past day, and humbly desire Thee to continue Thy gracious goodness unto us this night. Give us a deep sense of our own sin and unworthiness, but an humble and sure faith in the offering of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, once for ever, upon the cross,—by which He hath put away sin, to be remembered no more. Sanctify us abundantly with Thy Holy Spirit; may *He* “bear witness with *our* spirits that we are children of Thine,” and enable us truly to know and feel that we are “made heirs of Thee, and joint heirs with Christ.” We pray not for ourselves alone, O Lord, but for all others who call upon Thy name; look graciously upon Thy people everywhere; bind up the broken-hearted,—comfort the afflicted,—build up Thy saints in Thy faith and fear,—and show Thy mercy unto all the ends of the earth. Into Thy hands we commend ourselves this night; watch over us in love and mercy; may we lie down to rest at peace with Thee and all the world besides, ready to depart and be with Thee whenever Thou art pleased to call us. Accept these our imperfect prayers, O heavenly Father, and grant us all else that seemeth good unto Thee, who ask every blessing in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Saturday Morning,

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid; and giving us those good things which we are not

worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life ; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be “the way, the truth, and the life;” that, following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life ; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of all mercies and God of all comforts ; we come before Thee again this morning, to thank Thee for all Thy past goodness towards us, — beseeching Thee to hear us, and to grant our requests, for the sake of Him who died and rose again for sinners ; and who now sitteth at Thy right hand, to make intercession “for all who come unto Thee by Him.” Lord, increase our faith daily ; give us more trust and childlike confidence in the promises of Thy Word ; may we, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, come unto Thee, O merciful Saviour, and *thus coming*, find Thy promise true, that Thou wilt in *no-wise* cast out.” Another week is now drawing to its close,—help us to “redeem the time,” knowing that the night cometh when no man *can* work.” Help us, each in our several stations, to do our heavenly Master’s work ; doing good to all around whenever we have the opportunity—earnestly striving to follow Thy holy will and commandments—and letting our “light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven.” Guide us by Thy mighty power *this* and *every* day ; preserve us from all sin and evil, and finally enable us to be “*more than conquerors*” over all sin, “through Him who loved us ;” and to whom, with Thee O Father, and Thee O Holy Spirit, Three in One, be blessing, honour, glory, and praise, *now and for evermore*. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. Amen.

Saturday Evening,

O MERCIFUL God, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon us, we pray Thee; and take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word; and so fetch us home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that we may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Grant we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father; at the close of another week we kneel before Thee, approaching Thee through Thy Son Jesus Christ, who is the "one Mediator between Thee and man." We confess with shame and sorrow our sins and iniquities; truly they are "gone over our heads, and are like a sore burden, too heavy for us to bear;" but do Thou pardon and absolve us for *His* sake, who "hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, "to bring us to Thee,"—and who now intercedeth in heaven above, for all who come to Thee by Him. Sanctify and prepare our hearts this evening for the approaching Sabbath; may we find rest and comfort for our souls in its sacred duties, and be strengthened and refreshed by Thy grace, for the labours of another week. Preserve us during the hours of darkness from all harm and evil; may we feel safe in the "Everlasting arms" now and for ever, and "take our rest in peace, for it is Thou, Lord, only who makest us dwell in safety." Bless the ministers of Thy gospel, here and everywhere, in preparing to preach Thy Word

on the morrow ; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, and may they be the blessed instruments in Thy hand of “turning many from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto Thee.” Into Thy gracious keeping, O merciful Father, we now commend ourselves and all near and dear to us ; hear these our petitions, and grant us more than either we desire or deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour ; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise ; that so among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, save Thy servants,

Who put their trust in Thee.

Send us help from Thy holy place,

And evermore mightily defend us.

Lord, hear our prayers,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

O ETERNAL and Almighty Jehovah, who keepest Thy loving mercy and faithfulness for thousands of them that love Thee; again we would offer up unto Thee our praises and thanksgivings on this the morning of another Sabbath, for all Thy tender mercies towards us; beseeching Thee to "speak peace" unto our hearts, and to accept us for the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord,—Who is the "one Mediator between Thee and man," and "*the end of the law* for righteousness to *every one that believeth.*" Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts this day by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may *perfectly* love Thee, and *worthily* magnify Thy holy name. Bless the services of Thy holy temple this day to the good of our souls; may the precious seed of Thy Word, (which is "quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,") be sown in many hearts into "good ground," prepared by Thy Holy Spirit,—and bring forth abundant fruit, to Thy honour and glory. Bless our ministers and pastors; raise multitudes up to be faithful witnesses of the truth,—earnestly contending for "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints,"—and by their humble instrumentality may multitudes be "added unto the Church of such as shall be saved." Into Thy hands, O heavenly Father, we now desire to commend ourselves, our souls and bodies; take us under Thy gracious protection throughout this day, and do for us above all that we can either desire or deserve; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MAY the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and may our whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

O Almighty God, we give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to us the light of Thy gospel, and the preaching of Thy holy Word; grant also, we beseech Thee,—that we, through Thy help, may both faithfully live and walk according to its precepts in this life present,—and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast in Thy merciful providence brought us to the close of another sacred day; before we retire to rest this night, we would pray Thee to take us under Thy gracious protection during the coming hours of darkness, and to preserve us from all evil evermore. Bless the words of Thy gospel that have been spoken this day; may the seed sown spring up in many hearts, and bear fruit abundantly unto life eternal. Cheer and strengthen Thy ministers by letting them see the fruits of their labour; may they who “now go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, doubtless come again with joy, bringing their sheaves with them.” Endue us who have heard Thy word with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may in deed and in truth amend our lives according to its holy precepts. Teach us ever to know our own sinfulness and inability to do good; but raise our eyes to believe and rejoice, by faith, in “the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.” Keep us by “Thy power, through faith unto salvation, to that inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven” for Thy people; and enable us, while we walk as pilgrims through this life, daily to struggle against sin, the world, and the devil, and “finally to be more than conquerors through Him that loved us;” and to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MAY the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing; that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost, and be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday Morning.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HELP us, O God, our Saviour,

And for the glory of Thy name deliver us, and be merciful to us, sinners, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, hear our prayer,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL and heavenly Father, who art about our path, and about our bed, and spiest out all our ways; we thank Thee for Thy care and preservation of us during the past night, and now desire to commit ourselves and all near and dear to us into Thy safe keeping this day. Watch over us and protect us from all dangers, and keep us from all sin and wickedness. Enable us by Thy grace to walk worthy of our high calling,—in holiness and righteousness be-

fore Thee all our days,—showing forth the fruits of the Spirit to the honour and praise of Thy name. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able; but “with the temptation” do Thou make “a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it.” Guide us with Thy merciful power through all the daily duties and trials of this life, and bless us in our going out and coming in. Lead us above all unto a saving knowledge of Thy truth; that humbled with a sense of our sins, but renewed in our minds through faith in the precious blood of Jesus, our only Saviour and Redeemer, we may find pardon and peace from Thee, and life for evermore. In *His* name, O heavenly Father, and for *His* sake, we pray Thee to answer these our prayers, and all else that in our blindness and ignorance we know not how to ask; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Monday Evening.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD, be merciful to us, sinners, and save us for Thy name's sake.

Thou art the great God, that hast made and rulest all things; deliver us from the bands of sin and wickedness, for Thy mercy's sake.

Lord, hear our prayers,

And let our cry come to Thee.

O LORD, we beseech Thee absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and evelasting God; our heavenly Father, we dare not approach Thee, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,—who has proclaimed Himself to be “the one Mediator between Thee and man,”—and who has taught us to make all our petitions unto Thee in His name. For *His* sake, pardon this night all our sins and shortcomings during the past day; may His blood indeed cleanse us from all sin, and make us pure and acceptable in Thy sight. We desire to commit ourselves now into Thy fatherly keeping before we lie down to rest; watch over us in love and mercy; let no evil dreams disturb us, nor powers of darkness molest us; and wake us on the morrow, if it be Thy gracious will, in renewed health and strength, ready for the duties and labours of the coming day. We ask every blessing for the sake of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

UNTO God's gracious protection we commit ourselves; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Morning.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our

mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee,—grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that the old Adam in us may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us.

Grant that all carnal affections, may die in us; and that all things belonging to the Spirit, may live and grow in us.

GRANT that we may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh; and continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, our Heavenly Father, who alone preservest us from day to day, and hast blest us as a family with all temporal comforts and enjoyments ; we praise Thy holy name that it hath pleased Thee to grant us so many tokens of Thy favour and goodness ; may Thy love and mercy constrain us to show forth our thankfulness unto Thee, not only with our lips, but in our lives,—by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Into Thy hands we now desire to commit ourselves throughout this day ; watch over us, and protect us in our going out and coming in ; save us from all sin and evil ; give us grace to resist the temptations of the devil, and, strong in Thy faith and fear, to “fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life.” Bless all our friends and relations, and all near and dear to us ; bring them and us unto a knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee ; preserve us through our earthly pilgrimage, and finally bring us to

Thine eternal rest above, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose eternal sacrifice for sin, and in whose perfect righteousness, worked out for His people, we humbly place all our hope and trust; and Who now ever liveth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

Turn Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned; be favourable, O Lord, be favourable unto Thy people, who seek Thee in true repentance. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion and long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy; spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe His holy gospel; of His great mercy pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, our heavenly Father, who hast sent Thy Son to be the propitiation for our sins; we plead before Thee this evening *His* merits and righteousness as our ground of acceptance in Thy sight,—beseeching Thee for *His* sake to hear

us, and pardon all our iniquities. May we lie down to rest this night in perfect peace, having our minds stayed on Thee. Be Thou about our path, and about our bed, and protect us under Thy sheltering arm from all evil. O Holy Spirit, shed thy beams of light upon our souls,—that the Word of life which we have been reading “may not return unto Thee void, but accomplish that which Thou pleasest.” Awaken and arouse, by Thy power, any of us who are dead in trespasses and sins; make them *feel* their lost state by nature, and turn unto Thee, through faith in the precious blood of Thy dear Son; that they and we may all be found among the number of Thy believing people, when Thou comest in Thine eternal and glorious kingdom; and may “receive the crown of righteousness” which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee. We ask every blessing through *His* merits, who died, “the just for the unjust, to bring us to Thee;” and to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Morning.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily

bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O LORD, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us ; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us,—Thy bountiful grace and mercy, may speedily help and deliver us ; through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord ; to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee to bless this our family and household now assembled before Thee. Grant that this day we may walk in Thy faith and fear, studying to please Thee in all our actions and words, and in all the daily duties of our life. Give us grace and strength to “run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.” May Thy Holy Spirit guide and comfort us throughout this day, and may we ever be “kept by Thy power through faith unto salvation.” Convince us of our *own* sin and wickedness ; but lead us, through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Thine only Son, to find pardon and peace with Thee ; that we may thus be enabled, out of love and gratitude, to yield ourselves, body and soul, to Thy service, and continually to do all such good works as Thou hast “before ordained that we should walk in.” Bless all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray ; preserve them and us, throughout the day, from all harm and evil.—bestow upon us all things necessary both for our souls and bodies,—and of Thy great mercy hear us graciously, and grant these our petitions according to Thy will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee, in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FROM our enemies defend us, O Christ;

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts;

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers;

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever, vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us:

As we do put our trust in Thee.

O MOST merciful and gracious God, our heavenly Father, whose goodness is unsearchable, and whose mercies are over all Thy works; again, in Thy tender providence, Thou hast brought us to the close of another day. We confess, with shame and sorrow, our sins and iniquities, both in thought, word, and deed; but humbly seek for pardon from Thee through the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for peace and acceptance with Thee through His righteousness imputed to us. Help us to remember how short our time is on

earth; may we use this world as not abusing it; and may we ever be found watching, like servants who wait for their Lord, that at Thy coming we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight. May Thy blessing rest upon us this night; may we lie down in peace and quietness, and obtain needful rest and repose. Bless us as a nation, may we be a people serving Thee; may our Queen and all in authority, seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and so have all other things added unto them. Bless this our family and household; take us all into Thy gracious keeping during the hours of darkness; grant us all things needful both for our souls and bodies, and do for us above all that we can either ask or think; for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Thursday Morning.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask; but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance,—that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father,—almighty and everlasting God,—who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast kept us safely during the past night from all evil, and who renewest Thy mercies to us every morning;—we thank Thee for Thy watchful care and preservation of us from day to day, and for all the manifold and undeserved mercies which we receive from Thy hand : but above all we would praise Thee for Thy wondrous love in sending Thy “ Son to be the Saviour of the world ;” may we with hearts overflowing with gratitude and love, yield ourselves wholly to His service, and strive to “ walk worthy of His holy name, who has called us to His kingdom and glory.” Blessed Saviour, in mercy look upon us ; cleanse us in the fountain of Thy blood shed for sinners ; give Thy Holy Spirit to us that ask,—let us that seek, find,—and to us that knock, open. Help us, Lord, with Thy grace, to fulfil this day the duties of our several stations ; may we ever remember that “ Thou God, seest us ;” and may every desire and thought be brought daily more and more “ into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” Keep us from all sin and wickedness,—preserve us in our going out and coming in,—and grant us all things which Thou seest to be good for us ; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

We do not presume to come into Thy presence, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness; but in Thy manifold and great mercies, which Thou hast shown in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,—in the means of grace which Thou hast given us,—and in the hope of glory hereafter. Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to believe in our Saviour Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood,—and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O eternal Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

HEAR our crying, O Lord, and give ear unto our petitions;

And for the glory of Thy name deliver us, and be merciful to us, sinners, for Thy name's sake.

O God the Holy Ghost, who art the Lord and Giver of life,—the Comforter of all those that mourn for sin,—and the Divine guide and counsellor of Thy people; we pray Thee to calm our minds, and fit us this evening to approach our Father in heaven. Cleanse our hearts by Thy sacred inspiration, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; give us a deep sense of our own sin and unworthiness; that, as humble, penitent sinners, we may believe in the one sacrifice offered up by Christ our Saviour *for sin*,—and thus obtain pardon and peace, and “inheritance among all them that are sanctified by faith in Him.” Keep us, “by Thy power, through faith, unto salvation;” enlighten and purify our hearts daily, by Thine inward grace; and make us ready “to depart and be with our Saviour Christ,” whenever He shall call us. Be with

us this night, and bless us and all who are near and dear to us; may we lie down in peace and quietness to take our rest, knowing that it is Thou only "who makest us dwell in safety;" and if it be Thy gracious will, raise us up on the morrow in health and strength, ready for the duties and labours of another day. We ask every petition in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate; to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Friday Morning.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins; spare us, good Lord; spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever :

Spare us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son, to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life;

give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that, *His* inestimable benefit; and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of *His* most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father; who hast so loved the world as to give Thine only begotten Son, that "whosoever believeth in Him should *not* perish, but have everlasting life;" we approach Thee this morning to offer up our petitions in *His* name,—trusting in *His* all-sufficient sacrifice, by which He hath *once* and for *ever* put away the sins of His people. May Thy Holy Spirit lead and guide us throughout this day; keep us from all sin and danger,—succour us in all temptations,—enable us to be "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving Thee,"—and whatever we do, may we "do it heartily, as unto Thee, and not unto men." Bless all who are now assembled before Thee; while members of one household on earth, may we be also heirs together of Thine eternal kingdom. Have mercy upon all who are near and dear to us; do Thou, O blessed Saviour, comfort the afflicted, "bind up the broken-hearted, preach deliverance unto the captives of sin and Satan, and build up Thy saints in their most holy faith." Enlarge Thy Church throughout the world; bless the efforts of Thy ministers to make "Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations;" and may it please Thee of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom. These prayers for ourselves, and for others, we humbly offer in Thy name; Who, as our mediator and advocate, reigneth with the Father and the Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Friday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the Creator and preserver of all mankind; we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth,—and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are any-ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities,—giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; and this we beg for Jesus Christ, His sake. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O MERCIFUL Saviour, who art one with God the Father and the Holy Ghost; who hast told us that Thou art the “Way, the Truth, and the Life,” and that “no man cometh unto the Father but by Thee;” we draw near unto Thee this night, pleading Thy pardon and forgiveness for all the sins which we have this day committed in thought, word, and deed. Truly we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, and there is no health in us; but do Thou,

of Thy tender mercy, "blot out as a thick cloud our transgressions, and as a cloud our sins." Create in us clean hearts, "and renew a right spirit within us,—restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold us with Thy free Spirit." Look in mercy upon Thy people every where; enlarge and strengthen Thy Church universal throughout the world; O send out Thy light and Thy truth to the darkest places of the earth, and cause Thy wondrous love to sinners, to be made known in all lands. Take us under Thy watchful care during the hours of darkness; preserve us from all harm and evil,—and grant us refreshing rest and sleep, with all other things needful for us. We ask every blessing, O Lord, in Thy holy name, who intercedest above for all that come unto the Father by Thee; to whom also, in the unity of the Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Morning.

Almighty God, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who art the Giver of all goodness we pray Thee to send Thy grace unto us, and to all people,—that we

may worship Thee, serve Thee, and obey Thee, as we ought to do: and do Thou in mercy send us this day all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins,—and save us in all dangers, ghostly and bodily. Keep us, we beseech Thee, from all sin and wickedness, and from our spiritual enemies, and from everlasting death; and this we trust Thou wilt do, of Thy mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which, for our unworthiness, we dare not, and for our blindness, we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Saturday Evening.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness, we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord;
Who hath made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord ;

Henceforth world without end.

Lord, hear our prayers ;

And let our cry come unto Thee.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep us in Thy true religion ; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who “art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders,”—and yet humblest Thyself to behold the things that are done in heaven and earth ; hear us ere we retire to rest this night, wearied with the labours and duties of the day. We pray Thee, for the sake of Christ our Saviour, to forgive us for all the sins of the past week ; “be not extreme to mark” the duties we have left *undone*, nor the evil things which we have done,—“for who, O Lord, may abide it ?” Do Thou take away the heavy burden of our guilt, by enabling us to look up with faith to the blessed sacrifice of Thine only Son,—and cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. Prepare and fit us for the services of Thy sanctuary on the morrow, and grant us grace to hear and receive Thy Word with joy. Preserve us this night in health and safety ; grant us such refreshing rest and sleep as shall enable us to wake on the morrow, renewed and strengthened by Thy grace, for its sacred duties and pleasures ; and may each earthly Sabbath prepare us more and more for that eternal rest which remaineth for Thy people above ; and to which we pray that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring us in Thine own good time, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine

upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

FIFTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast appointed one day in seven, as a rest from earthly cares and toils, and in which Thou especially revealest Thyself unto the sons of men; regard we pray Thee, the supplications of Thy people throughout the world on this holy day; and accept our tribute of praise and thanksgiving which we offer in the name of Thy Son, our risen and ascended Lord,—who on this day burst the bonds of death, and now “ever liveth to make intercession for us.” We thank Thee for the blessings of the past night, and for being again permitted to rise in health and strength to see the light of another day. Take us now, O Lord, under Thy gracious care; and preserve us, in our going out and coming in, from all harm and evil. O Holy Spirit, shed abroad Thy life-giving power into our hearts; that so we may worship Thee “in spirit and in truth,” and “receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls.” Convince us all mightily of our own sin and helplessness; then lead us to behold, with the eye of faith, the Son of God as the only Saviour and Redeemer of all who come to Him; show

us *His* atoning blood, as the ransom paid for our sins; our acceptance with the Father through *His* righteousness; and then work in us, by love and gratitude, both “to will and to do of Thy good pleasure.” Bless the words of Thy gospel wherever they may be spoken this day; bring home many wanderers into Thy fold, and may multitudes be “called out of darkness into Thy marvellous light.” Blessed Saviour, who art “exalted to give repentance unto Thy people, and forgiveness of sins,” hear us mercifully this morning; pardon and absolve us from all our iniquities, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,—and when our earthly course is finished, do Thou in mercy, bring us to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Thy merits and mediation, who, with the Father and the Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

MAY grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter,—be upon us, and all near and dear to us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Sunday Evening.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD our heavenly Father, who hast in Thy great mercy, safely brought us to the close of another Sabbath; we approach Thee in the name of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ,—pleading His all-sufficient sacrifice, as the atonement for our sins, and His perfect righteousness, as our ground of acceptance with Thee. For *His* sake, therefore,

pardon, we pray Thee, the many sins of which we have been guilty this day, in thought, word, and deed ; forgive the coldness and deadness of our services,—our carelessness, and inattention in Thy house of prayer,—and our inability to worship Thee acceptably, in spirit and in truth. Bless what we have this day heard, to the good of our souls ; enable us henceforth, by the help of Thy heavenly grace, to overcome the flesh, “with its affections and lusts,” and to “put on the new man, which after Thee, is created in righteousness and true holiness.” Blessed Saviour, may the knowledge of Thy love constrain us day by day, to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto Thee, “who died for us, and rose again from the dead ;” and enable us to show forth the fruits of Thy salvation in our hearts and in our lives, to the honour and glory of Thy name. May the gospel which has been preached this day, come home, O Lord, with power to the souls of multitudes still “lying in darkness and the shadow of death ;” that by Thy blessing they may be brought into the “one fold under one Shepherd,” Christ Jesus our Lord, and “receive inheritance among all them that are sanctified.” And now, O heavenly Father, take us under Thy gracious protection this night ; preserve us when we lie down, and when we rise up, and do for us above all that we can either ask or think ; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

UNTO God’s gracious protection we commit ourselves ; may the Lord mercifully look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Monday Morning.

Lord, we beseech Thee grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil ; and with pure

hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil,—and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life ; grant us, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as He is pure ; that when He shall appear again, with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him, in His eternal and glorious kingdom ; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

BLESSED Lord, who hast created all things by Thy Word and power ; again, in the never-ending order of Thy gracious providence, Thou hast brought us safely to the beginning of another day ; defend us in the same by Thy mighty power,—and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger,—but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always what is righteous in Thy sight. Bless us in our going out and coming in this day ; save us from all evil, and succour us in all temptation ; enable each of us to perform the duties of our several stations with cheerful and ready hearts, “with good will doing service, as unto *Thee*, and not unto *men*.” Bless us as a family and household, both parents, children, and servants ; make us daily to “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ;” and so enable us, by Thy gracious power, to walk according to Thy will, in this life present,—that finally, through the merits of *His* redeeming blood, we may all be brought unto that blessed home above, which remaineth for Thy people ; where, with Thee, O Father, and Thee O eternal Spirit, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,—through the blood of the everlasting covenant,—make us perfect in every good work to do His will; working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, to whom be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We beseech Thee, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, who art of infinite goodness and mercy unto all them that call upon Thee; we, Thy children and sheep of Thy pasture, humbly present ourselves again before Thy throne of grace,—to offer up our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for Thy mercies vouchsafed unto us during the past day. We confess, with shame and sorrow, our ingratitude and unworthiness;

truly we have not served Thee as we ought; we have left undone those things which *we ought* to have done, and we *have done* those things which we ought *not* to have done, and there is no health in us; but do Thou, O Lord, pardon and forgive us, for Christ our Saviour's sake; through His atoning blood we seek peace with Thee, and through His righteousness may we stand accepted in Thy sight. Take us into Thy gracious keeping this night; watch over us for good; save and defend us from all evils, both spiritual and temporal,—and raise us up, if it be Thy will, to health and strength on the morrow. Have mercy, we pray Thee, on Thy Church throughout the world,—enlarge and strengthen it, by the manifold gifts of Thy Spirit; send out Thy light and Thy truth to the darkest places of the earth,—may the Sun of Righteousness arise on multitudes, to heal and bless them,—and, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly accomplish the number of Thine elect, and hasten thy kingdom. We pray especially also, O Lord, for those who are near and dear to us; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace,—and finally bring us all to that eternal and glorious kingdom, where, in Thy presence is fulness of joy, and pleasures at Thy right hand for evermore. We ask every blessing in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence; and make us to

have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, who alone makest "men to be of one mind in an house;" be pleased to receive us into Thy almighty and most gracious protection, that we and all the inhabitants of this kingdom may in peace and quietness serve Thee, our God,—and may in safety enjoy the blessings of our land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, praise and glorify Thy holy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; grant unto Thy people that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do we lift up our souls on this the beginning of another day ; thanking Thee for all the mercies of the past night, and desiring Thy favour and blessing on all our pursuits during the coming day. Be Thou our guide and counsellor ; may we in "all our ways acknowledge" Thee, and do Thou direct our paths. Bless us as a family ; [may our children be early led unto Thee by Thy Holy Spirit, that, convinced of their sins, and humbly believing in the remission of them, through Thy beloved Son, they may find peace and eternal life among the lambs of Thy flock.] Bless, we beseech Thee, all the members of this household, young and old ; may those who rule and those who serve faithfully obey Thee, their Lord and Master, and "walk worthy of their high calling in Jesus Christ." Grant us throughout this day all things that are needful, both for our souls and bodies ; preserve us from all evil ; watch over us in

our going out and coming in ; protect and succour us in all temptation ; and do for us above all that we can either ask or think ; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Tuesday Evening.

HEAR the voice of our supplications, O Lord ;

And when Thou hearest, forgive, and give us an answer of peace.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance ;

Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive,—receive our humble petitions ; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us ; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people, pardon and peace ; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, we thank Thee for bringing us, in Thy good providence, safely to the close of another day. Forgive, we pray Thee, for the sake of Christ our Saviour, the many sins of which we have been guilty, in thought, word, and deed ; hide Thy face from our uni-

quities, and blot out all our misdeeds, for in *His* atonement and perfect righteousness we place all our hope and trust. Do Thou, by the power of Thy blessed Spirit, grant us, this night, *true* repentance; and grace to amend our lives henceforth according to Thy holy Word. Bless this our family and household, and all for whom we ought to pray; enrol their names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and bring them and us hereafter unto Thy heavenly kingdom. Be with us when we lie down, and on the morrow when we rise up; grant us quiet repose, and refreshing sleep, with all other things necessary for our bodily comfort; but, above all, grant unto us that peace which the world cannot give or take away, which Thou hast promised, through Thy beloved Son, to all who love and serve Thee; and to Whom, with Thee and the eternal Spirit, Three Persons and One God, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Wednesday Morning.

O God the Father, of heaven, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins, spare us, good

Lord ; spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever ;

Spare us, good Lord.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants ; and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEAVENLY Father, who hast, in Thy merciful providence, brought us to see the light of another day,—“ Who’holdest our soul in life,” and in whom “ we live, and move, and have our being ; we desire to render unto Thee this morning our tribute of praise and thanksgiving for all the mercies which Thou daily bestowest upon us ; but, above all, for that wondrous mercy, which exceeds all others,—in that Thou hast sent the Son of Thy love to be the propitiation for our sins, and hast thereby opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers in Him. Accept us, we pray Thee, this morning, for *His* sake, and pardon all our sins. Grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit throughout the day, that we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same. Preserve us from all sin and evil, both in our going out and coming in ; take us into Thy gracious keeping *now* and *for ever*, and grant us more than we can either desire or deserve, for the sake of Jesus Christ our mediator and advocate. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Wednesday Evening.

HAVE mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness;

And after the multitude of Thy tender mercies, forgive us our transgressions.

Hide Thy face from our sins ;

And blot out all our iniquities.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,—and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us, the abundance of Thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask ; but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves ; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for having preserved us safely from all evil during the past day, and for all the many and various blessings which Thou hast given us ; and we now draw near unto Thee before retiring to rest, praying Thee to continue Thy goodness to us during the coming night. Preserve us, as a family and household, from all harm, and watch over us for good ; grant us refreshing rest and sleep, and let no evil dreams disturb us, nor powers of darkness molest us. Forgive, we pray Thee, our sins and iniquities of the past day, for the sake of Thy beloved Son ; and grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend

our lives henceforth, according to Thy holy Word. Bless all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, and enrich them with Thy heavenly grace. Prosper the cause of Thy gospel throughout the world; make known Thy salvation unto the ends of the earth, and hasten the time when "the kingdoms of this world" shall become "the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and when Thou shalt take to Thyself Thy great power and reign. These prayers, for ourselves and for others, we humbly offer, O Lord, in *His* name, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Thursday Morning.

Almighty and everlasting God,—who of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross,—that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father,—almighty and everlasting God,—who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty and most merciful God; of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who art from everlasting, and world without end, in whom “we live and move, and have our being;” adored be Thy great mercy, that Thou hast permitted us to see the light of another day, and hast granted us health to enjoy the blessings of life. O give us more, even grateful and thankful hearts, which we may yield up unto Thee “as our reasonable service,”—and ever strive earnestly in every thought, word, and deed, to do Thy will and pleasure above all things. Bless all the members of this family, young and old; enable each of us in our several stations, to glorify Thee in all we do or say, and to bring forth the fruits of righteousness, to the honour and praise of Thy name. Take us under Thy gracious protection this day; save us from all evils and dangers, shield and succour us in all temptation, and finally give us the victory over all sin and wickedness; for the sake of our only mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Thursday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness,—may obtain of Thee, the

God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

O GOD our heavenly Father, who art "about our path, and about our bed; who knowest our downsitting and our uprising, and understandest our thoughts afar off;" we desire to offer unto Thee this night, our grateful thanks for all the mercies of the past day, praying Thee to keep us safely under Thy watchful care during the hours of darkness. We confess with shame and sorrow, our many sins and iniquities; do Thou forgive them, and blot them out of Thy book, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ,—who hath once for ever paid the penalty of sin, "by the sacrifice of Himself," and who now ever liveth to "make intercession for all who come unto Thee by Him." Look with Thy favour and mercy upon all Thy believing people everywhere; strengthen and comfort them by Thy grace; enlighten and purify Thy Church in all lands, by the manifold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit; may all manner of men be drawn unto Thee by the preaching of Thy gospel,—and hasten the time when Thy kingdom shall truly come, and when Thou shalt take to Thyself, Thy great power and reign. Be Thou our guardian and protector this night; *save us from all evils and dangers, and grant us all things needful*

for us; for the sake of the same Thy Son, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Friday Morning.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity; three persons, and One God; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD God Almighty, look down graciously upon us this morning, and visit us with Thy favour,—who are now assembled again, at the beginning of another day, to thank Thee for Thine everlasting

kindness and fatherly protection. We know not what a day may bring forth, nor what perils or dangers may happen ;—but help us to feel that we are ever secure under Thy sheltering arms,—that the whole disposing of all events is in Thy hand ;—and that Thou doest “all things well.” We humbly desire to cast all our care upon Thee, who hast so cared for our sinful world, as to send Thy Son to be its Saviour and Redeemer ; may Thy love constrain us to yield our “bodies a living sacrifice unto Thee, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service.” Save us from all sin and wickedness this day ; help us to serve Thee with singleness of heart in every duty or pleasure ; may we ever seek Thy glory, and the promotion of Thy kingdom in whatever we do or say ; and, finally, give us the victory over all sin and temptation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Friday Evening.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our fore fathers ; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins ; spare us, good Lord,—spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever :

Spare us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give unto us and all Thy people increase of grace, meekly to hear Thy Word ; and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the spirit :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances,—and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word :

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord, we pray Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences ; that by Thy great goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed ; grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our ble sed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

HEAVENLY Father, we draw near unto Thy throne of grace this evening, pleading the merits and intercession of Thy beloved Son ; wearied with the burden of our sins, we desire to lay them all on Him, knowing that He hath put *away* sin by the sacrifice of Himself," and that none can come unto Thee *but* through Him, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." In *His* name and for *His* sake, therefore, do Thou pardon and absolve us from all our sins, and give unto us that peace which the world cannot give or take away. Bless every member of this our household ; may each heart be brought, in humble penitence and faith, unto Thee, through the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit—that in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ they may receive "remission of sins, and inheritance among all them that are sauctified." We pray Thee now to take us, and all who are near and dear to us, under Thy gracious care and protection during the coming night ; preserve us from all evil, grant us refreshing rest and sleep, and, of Thine infinite mercy, bestow upon us all other things needful for our souls and bodies ; for the sake of the same Thy Son, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen

Saturday Morning.

O God, who art the Author of peace and lover of concord,—in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,—whose service is perfect freedom, defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR help is in the name of the Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth.
 Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Henceforth, world without end.
 Lord, hear our prayers,
And let our cry come unto Thee.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal Jehovah, the God of our life and the length of our days; on this the beginning of another morning, we draw near unto Thee, to offer up our humble thanks for all Thy tender mercies and loving-kindness towards us, and desiring Thy favour and protection during the coming day. Give us grace to serve Thee with pureness and singleness of heart in all our duties and pleasures—may we remember that Thine eye is ever upon us, and that Thou knowest the very secrets of the heart. Without Thee we can do nothing, grant us therefore the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed, and walk steadfastly in the way that leadeth to eternal life.

Bless and prosper all the labours of our hands this day ; sanctify our every pleasure, and preserve us from all evils and dangers in our going out and coming in. Bless our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray ; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, and bring them unto Thy heavenly kingdom. Have mercy on all who are in sorrow and affliction ; bind up the broken-hearted, comfort all who mourn, and “ build up Thy saints in their most holy faith.” Gracious Father, we pray Thee to accept these our petitions, and to grant us an answer of peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Saturday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray,—and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve ; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy ; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask ; but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night ; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, who hast in Thy mercy brought us to the close of another week ; hear us, ere we retire to rest this night,

who desire to praise and bless Thee for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness towards us ; and also, humbly to confess before Thee our many transgressions. For the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, do Thou grant us full and free forgiveness for all our sins ; in *His* name pardon us, and in *His* righteousness may we stand accepted in Thy sight. Renew and sanctify us by the in-dwelling of Thy Holy Spirit ; prepare our hearts and minds for the sacred duties and services of Thy holy day, that so we may be enabled to offer up unto Thee spiritual sacrifices, acceptable through Thy beloved Son. Bless the ministers of Thy gospel who are to preach in Thy name on the morrow ; open their eyes to see the “wondrous things of Thy law,” and enable them faithfully “to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.” May Thy grace be upon those who preach, and those who hear ; that so Thy word “may not return unto Thee void, but accomplish that which Thou pleasest, and prosper” in every place where Thou sendest it. And now, Lord, take us, we pray Thee, under Thy gracious protection during the hours of darkness ; grant us refreshing rest and sleep—safety from all evils and dangers,—and that peace which the world cannot give or take away. Be with us when we lie down, and when we rise up ; and all that we ask is for our Redeemer’s sake ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

MAY the God of peace sanctify us wholly ; and may our whole spirit and soul and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Advent Sunday Morning.

SCRIPTURE—1 Corinthians xv., verse 51—58.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light; now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and dead,—we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

MAY the almighty God, our heavenly Father,—who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him; have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father, we, who are the creatures of Thine hand, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, approach Thy throne of grace this morning, pleading the merits and righteousness of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,—which we humbly believe, by Thy Word, to have been imputed to us. For His sake hear us graciously this day, and accept our sacrifices of prayer and praise which we are about to offer in Thy holy temple. We pray Thee, O Lord, to make this holy Sabbath a day of rest and refreshment to our souls. Cleanse our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Spirit, that we may worship Thee acceptably, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Bring home the sacred truths of Thy Word to each and all of our hearts; may it ever be a “light unto our feet, and a lamp unto our paths,” and may it prove, through the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit upon those who preach and those who hear,

“the power of God unto salvation.” Have mercy upon Thy Church universal, throughout the world ; purify, quicken, and strengthen it with Thy grace, and pull down the strongholds of sin and Satan everywhere. Blessed Saviour, we wait for Thine appearing ; do Thou cause Thy way to be increasingly known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations ; hasten the time when all shall know Thee “from the least to the greatest,”—and may it please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom. And now, O heavenly Father, take us under Thy watchful care and protection throughout this day ; keep us from all sin and evil, and grant us all things needful both for our souls and bodies, who ask everything in the name and through the mediation of Thine only Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Advent Sunday Evening.

SCRIPTURE—S. Matthew xxiv., verse 29—42.

O merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life ; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally ; we beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee ; and that at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight ; through Jesus Christ our mediator and advocate. Amen.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee ; grant that the minis-

ters and stewards of Thy mysteries, may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just ; that at Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight ; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, who hast in Thy great mercy safely brought us to the close of this day ; we approach Thee in the name of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, humbly beseeching Thee for *His* sake to pardon the many sins of which we have been guilty, in thought, word, and deed. Forgive the coldness and deadness of our services in Thy house, the sin which has mingled even with our prayers, and our carelessness and inattention to Thy holy Word. Enable us, by faith, to see all our sins laid upon our blessed Redeemer ; may Thy Holy Spirit indeed "bear witness with our Spirit that we are *Thy* children ;" and so renew us by Thy grace, that we may never fall from Thee. May we "give all diligence to make our calling and election *sure*," and rejoice in the full assurance of our salvation through Christ Jesus. May the seed of Thy gospel which has this day been sown, take deep root in many hearts, and by Thy blessing bring forth abundant fruit as marks of Thy saving grace. Make all the ends of the earth, O Lord, know Thy gospel message ; put down all sin and wickedness throughout the world, and may it please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom. Grant, O Lord, these and all our petitions, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Christmas Eve.

SCRIPTURE—Isaiah ix., verse 1—7; or chap. lx.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished,—by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God; we bless and praise Thee for all the mercies of the past day, and desire again this evening to come into Thy sacred presence,—beseeching Thee mercifully to hear and accept us, through the merits and intercession of Thy Son Jesus Christ; for *His* sake pardon all our sins and iniquities; in virtue of *His* all-atoning sacrifice, assure us that there is “*no condemnation to us,*” and, through *His* infinite righteousness and merits, bring us finally to Thy heavenly kingdom. Blessed Saviour, who wast born into the world “to save Thy people from their sins,”—who art the “one mediator between God and man,”—and who “will in *no-wise* cast out him that cometh unto Thee;” mercifully assure us of our salvation through Thy precious blood, and grant us full pardon and absolution this night. O Holy Spirit, cleanse and sanctify our hearts, by Thy quickening power; convince us more and more of our own helplessness, but also, more and more of Jesus as our “wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.” Into Thy hands, eternal God,

we desire to commend ourselves this night and evermore ; preserve us from all evil ; watch over us during the hours of darkness ; and if it be Thy will raise us up in health and strength on the morrow. These and all other blessings we humbly ask in *His* name, who has taught us thus to pray :

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

Christmas Day, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—S. Matthew i., verse 18—25.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers ; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee,—grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee both in will and deed ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin ; grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O ETERNAL and ever-blessed God, our heavenly Father ; we would draw near unto Thee this day, full of wonder, love, and praise for the manifestation of Thine eternal love to lost sinners, which this

season brings before us ; in that Thou didst send Thy beloved Son to be born into our sinful world, as its Saviour and Redeemer ; that, as the sin-bearer and surety of His people, He might once for all, fully, freely, and for ever put away sin, and “bring in an everlasting righteousness.” May our hearts be filled with overflowing and constraining love towards Thee for this Thy great mercy ; knowing that through Him we are saved eternally from the wrath to come, may we show forth our thankfulness, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; and joyfully yield up ourselves, both soul and body, to be “a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee.” Have mercy upon all who are in sickness or affliction at this season ; relieve the comfortless,—“bind up the broken-hearted,”—and, by the power of Thy gospel, “preach deliverance unto the captives” of sin and Satan, and show Thy love to all abroad. Bless us with Thy Holy Spirit this day, in our going out and coming in ; in Thy house of prayer, and in all the means of grace which, through Thy goodness, we enjoy. Bless this our family and household ; make us all children of Thy heavenly kingdom, and keep us as Thine own by adoption and grace, now and for eternity. These prayers, for ourselves and for others, we humbly ask in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and advocate. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Christmas Day, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm lxxxix., verse 1—29.

(ALL STAND UP.)

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify

Thee ; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord ; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(ALL KNEEL DOWN.)

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested in the flesh, that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life ; grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure ; that when He shall appear again, with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him, in His eternal and glorious kingdom ; where, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O ETERNAL and heavenly Father ; we bless Thee for all Thy mercies and abundant loving-kindness shown towards us during the past day, in granting us health and strength, food and clothing, and all the various comforts of this life ; but, above all, we bless Thee for the life and death of Thy dear Son, in coming into the world, "to seek and to save the lost." May *His* atoning sacrifice be acceptable in Thy sight to take away our sin, and *His* righteousness and merits be imputed to us, who, by the power of Thy Spirit, do believe in Him. Lord, grant us the assurance of Thy love towards us, and enable us to rest, by faith, on the exceeding great and precious promises of Thy Word ; fix in our hearts a firm love and holy obedience towards Thee ; and may Thy love cause us to show forth our thankfulness unto Thee, by yielding ourselves up to Thy service, and following Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Have mercy on all manner of men throughout the world ; draw multitudes of every nation unto Thee, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit ; and make

this time a season of holy and heavenly rejoicing to Thy people everywhere. Hear us, O Lord, and grant these our requests, and all else that is needful, both for our souls and bodies ; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

First Sunday after Christmas, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—S. Luke i., verse 31—56.

LIFT up your hearts ;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God ;

It is meet and right so to do.

Lord, hear our prayers,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin ; grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, look down from Thy throne in heaven upon us this morning, who draw near unto Thee, through the mediation of Thy blessed Son,—whom Thou didst send as at this time “to be the Saviour of the world,” the “one

mediator between Thee and man,"—who should offer up Himself as the great sacrifice for the sins of all His people everywhere. We humbly pray for forgiveness for all our sins through His precious blood, and for the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word. Bless this sacred day of rest to *all* our hearts; may we "rejoice and be glad in it," and seek willingly Thy house of prayer with the "multitude that keep holy day." Grant that while we worship Thee outwardly, we may worship Thee also "in spirit and in truth;" and meekly hear Thy Word, receiving it with joy, and bring forth fruit unto life eternal. Bless all the ministers of Thy gospel, both here and in other lands; pour upon them the abundance of Thy grace, that with power and fervency they may make known the glad tidings of salvation, and be instrumental in calling many wanderers into Thy fold. Take us now into Thy gracious keeping throughout this day; preserve us in our going out and coming in, and do for us above all that we can either ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

First Sunday after Christmas, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm lxxxv.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people, pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested in the flesh that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God,

and heirs of eternal life ; grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as He is pure ; that when He shall return again in power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom ; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, our heavenly Father ; accept, for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake, our prayers and praises for all the mercies and privileges which we have this day enjoyed. Above all, we bless and praise Thee for Thy wondrous love in sending Thy Son into this world to take our nature upon Him, and obtain "eternal redemption for us." We thank Thee for the opportunities we have this day had, of attending Thy house of prayer, of hearing Thy holy Word, and the preaching of Thy gospel. Let not Thy word "return unto Thee void, but make it accomplish that which Thou pleasest, and prosper in the thing whereto Thou sendest it." May multitudes be added at this time to Thy Church "of such as shall be saved ;" draw all manner of men unto Thee by the faithful preaching of Thy ministers ; and do Thou send forth, of Thine infinite mercy, abundant "labourers into Thy harvest." Unto Thy fatherly protection, O Lord, we commit ourselves this night ; take us and all near and dear unto us into Thy gracious keeping, now and for ever ; and further, grant us all things needful both for our souls and bodies, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, one in covenant for our redemption, be ascribed all honour and glory, for evermore. Amen.

MAY grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father,—and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour,—and from the Holy Ghost the Comforter,—abide with us, and all near and dear to us, now and for evermore. Amen.

New Year's Eve.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm xc.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins ; spare us, good Lord ; spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever ;

Spare us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation ; in all time of our wealth ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment ;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities,—and for the glory of Thy name turn from us all those evils which we most righteously have deserved ; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy,—and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory ; through our only mediator and advocate Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL and Almighty Lord, who art the maker and preserver of all things, who art the God of our life, and the length of our days ; we adore and bless Thy sacred name, for having brought us to the close of another year in health and safety. Impress upon us all a full sense of the fleeting hours of this life, and of the time when we “ must put off this our earthly tabernacle ; ” that so we may be constrained to seek peace with Thee through Thy Son Christ Jesus, pleading His atoning blood, and His mighty intercession for all that come unto Thee through Him. Break down and subdue our wayward, sinful hearts by the power of Thy Holy Spirit ; if any of us here have not yet been converted unto Thee, awaken them now by

His mighty power, and bring them as humble contrite sinners unto Him "who will in *no-wise* cast out, that they may obtain pardon and peace, and "inheritance among all them that are sanctified." Into Thy hands, Lord, we commit ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, this night and for ever; keep us safe under Thy protecting care, and be Thou our shield, strength, and Saviour, for time and for eternity. We ask every blessing in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

MAY the God of all grace who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus; make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us; to whom be glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Circumcision, New Year's Day, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—S. Luke ii., verse 21—39.

ALMIGHTY God, who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man; grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may, in all things, obey Thy blessed will; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, save this household;

Who put their trust in Thee.

Be Thou, to us, a strong tower;

From the face of our enemy.

Lord, hear our prayer,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

O almighty God, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast vouchsafed to bring us to the beginning of another year; grant, we beseech Thee, most merciful Father, that we, through Thy help, may both faithfully live and

walk according to Thy will in this life present,—and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ETERNAL God, who hast, in Thy mercy and providence, brought us to the beginning of another year; ere we enter upon its duties and trials, we would pause in Thy sacred presence, humbly beseeching Thee to bless all who are in this house; and to grant us Thy grace that we may walk with Thee more closely this year, more circumspectly, more sincerely,—“casting ever all our care upon Thee, who hast so cared for us” as to send Thine only Son “to be the Saviour of the world.” Enable us, by faith in *His* all-sufficient sacrifice, and *His* righteousness imputed to those who believe, to find peace with Thee; and our hearts being thus “set at liberty,” may we “run the way of Thy commandments.” Bless all our family and household; grant, that as we grow in years, we may grow in grace; and “so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Finally, Lord, we pray Thee, to take us into Thy gracious keeping, both this day and evermore; lead and guide us by Thy Spirit through *this* life, and “preserve us blameless unto Thy heavenly kingdom;” for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Circumcision, New Year's Day, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm xxxix.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; save us and hear us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

MAY the almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him,—to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and

under the earth do bow and obey,—be now and evermore our defence; and make us know and feel, that there is none other name, under heaven, given among men, in whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation; but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with Him and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, world without end; ere we retire to rest on this the first evening of a new year, we desire to kneel before Thy throne; humbling ourselves on account of our manifold transgressions,—but having a lively and steadfast faith in the all-atoning sacrifice and infinite merits of Thy dear Son; praying Thee, for *His* sake, to pardon and deliver us from all our sins; for *His* sake to grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word; and, finally, for *His* sake, to bring us to Thine heavenly kingdom. We pray Thee to bless all who are now gathered before Thee; if any are wandering still from Thee, convert them by Thy blessed Spirit; if any are backsliding, Lord, heal them; if any are weary and heavy-laden, Lord, comfort them. Grant us all, the riches of Thy heavenly grace; while we are of one household on this earth, may we also be members of Thy one true Church, against which “the gates of hell shall not prevail.” May we be kept by Thy power through faith unto salvation;” and may each succeeding year bring to our minds a foretaste of that eternal rest which remaineth for Thy people above. Preserve us from all evil during the coming night; grant us refreshing rest and sleep, and all other things necessary both for our souls and bodies; and mercifully grant these our supplications; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY the God of peace sanctify us wholly; and may our whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Epiphany—Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Matthew ii, verse 1—12.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where, with Thee O Father, and Thee O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant, that we, which know Thee now by faith, may, after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father,—almighty and everlasting God,—who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same by Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, who crownest the year with Thy goodness, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; we approach Thy sacred presence this morning, "having boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" Christ our Saviour,—whom Thou hast ordained to be "a light to lighten us, Gentiles;" and to "be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." We bless Thee for this Thy great love to lost and helpless sinners; knowing that we are redeemed by Him "from all iniquity," and purified by Thy Holy Spirit to be a "peculiar people" unto Thee,— may we be "zealous of good works."

and daily in our lips, and in our lives, strive to show forth Thy praises, who hast "called us out of darkness into Thy marvellous light." Into Thy hands we commit ourselves, soul and body, throughout this day; take us under Thy gracious protection, and preserve us from all sin and evil; save us in all dangers, and succour us in all temptations; grant us the help of Thy grace, that we may be fruitful in every good word and work; and so enable us faithfully to serve Thee in *this* life, that *hereafter* we may come to those eternal joys which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. We ask every blessing in the name, and for the sake of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

MAY the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus; make us perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle us; to whom, be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Epiphany—Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Ephesians iii.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, we give Thee humble thanks, for that Thou hast vouchsafed, by the manifestation of our Saviour, to bring us to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee; increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore; that we, being steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world,—that in the world to come we may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

O HEAVENLY Father, who art "of purer eyes than to behold iniquity," and yet didst in Thy tender mercy send Thine only Son to suffer, "the just for the unjust, to bring us to Thee;" look upon us in mercy this night, while we plead *His* meritorious cross and passion, and *His* all-sufficient merits and intercession as our only ground of acceptance with Thee. Grant us, for *His* sake, the assurance of Thy pardoning love, and that peace which the world cannot give or take away. Preserve us from all harm and danger during the coming hours of darkness; grant us quiet rest and refreshing sleep, and all things necessary for our bodily sustenance and comfort, according as Thou shalt in Thine infinite wisdom see fit for us. Have mercy on Thy whole Church, throughout the world; draw Gentiles and Jews in abundance into Thy fold; may multitudes be added "unto the Church, of such as shall be saved,"—and, of Thy gracious goodness, do Thou bring *them* and *us*, when the number of Thine elect has been accomplished, into Thine everlasting kingdom; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Septuagesima Sunday, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm viii.

O Lord, we beseech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy name;—through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

LORD of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of

all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, heavenly Father, who, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised to all them that seek Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech Thee, this day, all things that are needful both for our souls and bodies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD our heavenly Father, who by Thy gracious Providence, hast made "the world and all that therein is," who hast "laid the foundations of the earth that it never should move at any time," "who bringeth forth grass for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men;" "how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all, the earth is full of Thy riches." We give Thee humble thanks for these tokens of love to us, Thy unworthy servants; but above all for that wondrous mercy which exceeds all others, in that Thou didst send Thine only Son to suffer and die, "the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to Thee." We would humbly plead this morning *His* eternal sacrifice as the *one propitiation* for all our sins,—and *His* righteousness, as our only ground of acceptance with Thee; that thus we may "obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." May the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit be upon us throughout this sacred day, both in the services of Thy sanctuary, in our schools, and in our households; bless the preaching of Thy Word to young and old; may the seed sown this day throughout the world bring forth abundant fruit to Thy honour and glory, and so hasten the time when all shall know Thee from the least to the greatest. Hear us, O Lord, and grant these our supplications, for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the *Holy Ghost*, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Septuagesima Sunday, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm civ.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins,—yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, in whom we live and move, and have our being; again, at the close of another Sabbath, we kneel before Thee,—beseeching Thee to pardon all the sins and iniquity of our services, and to receive us graciously for the sake of Thy beloved Son. May the words of Thy blessed gospel, which we have heard this day, be brought home with power to our hearts; that feeling our sins, and our need of a Saviour, we may be constrained to flee unto Thee through Him who is “the Way, the Truth, and the Life,”—and thus find peace and joy, “and inheritance among all them that are sanctified by faith in Him.” Have mercy on all the ends of the earth; draw multitudes of every tongue and nation into Thy fold, and “send forth more labourers into Thy harvest.” May an outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit be shed abundantly on this place; may many who have hitherto been “walking in darkness, having no light,” (being “at enmity with Thee” through their fallen nature,) be subdued and brought low by His mighty power,—be led to repent and turn unto Thee,—and so to believe in the one eternal sacrifice of Thy Son, that they may “not perish, but have everlasting life.” Into Thy hands, Lord, we commit ourselves this night; grant us needful rest and repose; preserve us from all evils and dangers; and grant us all blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which Thou, in Thine infinite wisdom, seest fit for us; for the sake of the same our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Ash-Wednesday Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm li.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy,—to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins;—spare us therefore, good Lord; spare Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults,—and so make haste to help us in this world,—that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, who art of “purer eyes than to behold iniquity;” we approach Thee this morning, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Christ Jesus, who has borne the penalty for sin, and is also the “end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.” Forgive us, we pray Thee, for *His* sake, all our *sins*, and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our

lives henceforth according to Thy holy Word. Give us grace this day to conquer and subdue all sinful affections and desires, and to fight manfully against sin, the world, and the devil; that so we may continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our lives' end. Be merciful to our weaknesses and helplessness in all things; and with every temptation which may happen to us, do Thou make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it. We know that "in our flesh dwelleth no good thing;" therefore, do Thou work in us "both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure," that we may bring forth the fruits of true repentance and holiness, to the honour and praise of Thy name. Into Thy hands we commit our temporal and eternal interests this day; be with us in our going out and coming in; preserve us from all sin and evil through *this* life, and finally bring us to Thy heavenly kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and for evermore. Amen.

Ash-Wednesday Evening.

SCRIPTURE—S. Luke xv., verse 1—10.

Turn Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned; be favourable, O Lord, be favourable unto Thy people; who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy; spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them,—and let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion; hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST gracious and merciful Lord God, our heavenly Father, we draw near unto Thee this night, pleading the atoning sacrifice and infinite righteousness of Thy beloved Son. We confess, with shame and sorrow, our sins and iniquities; truly the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable; but Thy property is always to have mercy, and to forgive all who come unto Thee through Him who is the "Way, the Truth, and the Life," and "ever liveth to make intercession for us." Grant us, therefore, this night, full and free forgiveness for *His* sake; and vouchsafe to us true sorrow and humble penitence, by the quickening work of Thy Holy Spirit. Enable us, through His power, to show henceforth the fruits of a living faith, to the praise and glory of Thy name; give us grace daily to "mortify the flesh with its affections and desires;" and, "denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present evil world." And now, O merciful Father, take us into Thy gracious keeping this night,—preserve our souls from all evil, and our bodies in health and strength; and grant to us all other things which Thou, in Thine infinite wisdom shalt see fit for us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,—be ascribed all honour and glory, dominion and power, with the Father and the eternal Spirit,—now and for evermore. Amen.

Thursday before Easter—Evening.

SCRIPTURE—S. Matt. xxvi., verse 17—35.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds, do worthily deserve to be punished; by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God; who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross,—that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast mercifully shielded us during another day; we desire, ere we retire to rest this night, to commit ourselves, soul and body, into Thy keeping. Preserve us in safety from all evils and dangers; keep us from all things that may hurt us,—and watch over us, in love and mercy; so that, trusting in Thy providence, and reposing in Thy care, we may wake in health and strength on the morrow, “renewed in the spirit of our minds,” and fitted by Thy grace for the sacred duties of the day. May the remembrance of our Saviour’s sufferings and death, fill our hearts with humble joy and gratitude, and constrain us to “walk worthy of Him,” who has “purchased us with His own blood,”—through whom we obtain remission of our sins, “and inheritance among all them that are sanctified.” May every member of this household be drawn by Thy Holy Spirit to believe in His finished work, and so “believing, to have life through His name;” that thus, while united as one family on earth, we may be also heirs together of Thine ever-

lasting kingdom above. Hear these our prayers, O merciful Father, and answer them, as Thou in Thine infinite wisdom shall see fit; for the sake of the same our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and for evermore. Amen.

Good Friday, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Isaiah liii.

We give Thee humble thanks, O most merciful Father, for the redemption of the world, by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble Himself even to the death upon the cross, for us miserable sinners,—who lay in darkness and the shadow of death,—that He might make us the sons of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. Enable us ever to keep in remembrance the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us,—and the innumerable benefits which by His precious bloodshedding He hath obtained for us; and enable us henceforth, to show our thankfulness unto Thee, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the love of Him, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

O most gracious and merciful God, our heavenly Father, adored be Thy name for all the mercies of the past night. Enable us to lift up our hearts unto Thee with true gratitude, on this the morning of another day; may the sense of Thine abundant goodness towards us, constrain us to “present our bodies a living sacrifice unto Thee, holy and acceptable, which is our reasonable service.” We bless Thee

above all, for that wondrous work which Thou sentest Thine only Son to accomplish, for the redemption of Thy people from sin, death, and hell; "to the praise and glory of Thy grace, wherein Thou hast made us accepted in the Beloved." We humbly claim, O blessed Saviour, the mercies and privileges which Thou hast provided for Thy people; feeling our own helplessness and lost estate, through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, we come unto Thee, "who will in no wise cast out,"—beseeching Thee to pardon and absolve us from our sins, and to keep us ever by Thy "power through faith unto salvation." Into Thy hands we commend ourselves this and every day; preserve us from all evil in our going out and coming in, strengthen us in all the work of our hands, and whatsoever we do may we do it heartily, as unto Thee." These prayers for ourselves and others we humbly ask in Thy name, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory evermore. Amen.

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood; to Him, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory for evermore. Amen.

Good Friday, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Ephesians ii., verse 13 to end.

O Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God; who of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross,—that all mankind

should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST merciful Saviour, who "will in no-wise cast out," any that come unto Thee; we approach Thee this night with humble confidence in Thine atoning sacrifice, by which Thou hast for ever "put away sin,"—and in Thy mighty power to work out salvation for all who come unto the Father through Thee. We look unto Thee as our great High Priest and Intercessor, "able to save unto the uttermost;" pardon then this night all our sins—take away the heavy burden of them, and grant us full and free forgiveness in Thy name. May Thy Holy Spirit bring home with power to us and all who have heard Thy Word this day, its sacred and blessed truths; may Thy wondrous love be the means of melting many hard and stubborn hearts,—and through the preaching of Thy ministers, may all manner of men be drawn unto Thee. Increase Thy Church abundantly throughout the world,—quicken, revive, and strengthen it by Thy Heavenly grace; destroy the powers of darkness, and pull down the strongholds of sin and Satan everywhere. And now, Lord, we pray Thee to take us under Thy watchful care this night; be with us when we lie down, and when we rise up; and grant us needful rest and sleep, and all other things necessary for our bodily comfort. These prayers, for ourselves and others, we humbly ask in Thy name, who wast delivered for our sins, and raised again for our justification, who now "ever liveth to make intercession for us,"—and who, with the Father and the eternal Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

UNTO Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood; to Him, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be honour and *glory, for evermore.* Amen.

Easter Sunday, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Colossians iii., verse 1 to 11.

Lift up your hearts ;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God ;

It is meet and right so to do.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee, for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb who was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death, hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life ;

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels,—and with all the company of heaven,—we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father; we bless and praise Thy Holy name for the return of another sacred day of rest, with all its blessings and privileges. Be with us this day in Thy holy house of prayer—keep from our minds all vain and wandering thoughts; may the peaceful sense of Thy favour and presence be with us; and enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Bless the preach-

ing of Thy Word this day to the hearts of multitudes throughout the world; may many be turned, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, "from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto Thee;" that, through faith in the atoning blood of Thy Son Christ Jesus, they "may receive remission of sins, and inheritance among all them that are sanctified." Bless this our family and household; may we all be members of that one family who own Thee as their Lord and Master; and while risen from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness in *this* world, may we hereafter rise to those eternal joys which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee. Be with us and preserve us this day in our going out and coming in—bless and sanctify all our duties and pleasures,—and make this Sabbath a fore-taste to us of that eternal rest which remaineth for Thy people above. Hear us, O merciful Father, and grant these our petitions in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MAY the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep; make us perfect in every good work, to do His will,—working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Easter Sunday Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Acts x., verse 34 to 43.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in Thy Son's name; we beseech Thee, mercifully to incline Thine ear to us, who now make our prayers and supplications unto Thee, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually,—to the relief of our necessities, and to the setting

forth of Thy glory ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification ; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth ; through the merits of the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, “ who art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders,—and yet beholdest the things that are done in heaven and in earth ;” again we are assembled before Thy throne of grace,—humbly asking pardon and forgiveness for the weakness and coldness of all our services this day,—and for all our many sins, in thought, word, and deed, in the name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ ; who, by His death and glorious resurrection, hath for ever “ put away sin,” for all who believe in Him, and hath worked out for them an infinite righteousness. Lord, as believers we humbly come before Thee, telling all our wants ; knowing that “ like as a father pitieth his children, so Thou art merciful to them that fear Thee.” Give us more faith and more knowledge, and an increase of all spiritual gifts ; may the words of Thy gospel, which have been heard this day, be deeply grafted in all our hearts, and bring forth abundant fruit, to Thy honour and glory ;—and may multitudes in all lands, through the power of its saving truths, be added unto Thy Church. Watch over us, we pray Thee, this night, and defend us from all evils and dangers ; grant us refreshing rest and sleep ; and enable us to wake on the morrow, strengthened by Thy grace, for the duties and labours of the coming week. Hear us, heavenly Father, and grant to these our petitions an answer of peace, for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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Jesus,—that great Shepherd of the sheep,—through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will ; working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight ; to whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Ascension Day, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Psalm xxiv.

Lift up your hearts ;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God ;

It is meet and right so to do.

BECAUSE Thou hast caused Thy Son Jesus Christ to ascend up into heaven,—to prepare a place for us ; that where He is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory ;

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,—we laud and magnify Thy glorious name ; evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts ; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory ; glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

O God, who art the Saviour of them that put their trust in Thee ; we thank Thee for Thy watchful care over us during the past night, and for permitting us to meet again this morning, around Thy throne of grace, in health and happiness. Grant that we may fall into no sin this day, neither run into any kind of danger ; make all things work together for our good, and bless us in our going out and coming in. Enable us to worship Thee acceptably in Thy house of prayer, and to hear Thy Word with joy ; cause it to take deep root in all our hearts, and in the hearts of many whom Thou camest “to ~~seek~~ and to save ;” and may it bring forth fruit abundantly unto

everlasting life. We pray Thee, O Lord, to bless the sacred ordinances and means of grace which are afforded to us this day; when surrounding Thy holy table, may we truly feed on Thee in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving,—and be constrained by Thy love, to live no longer to ourselves; but unto Thee, who “died for us and rose again from the dead,” and now “ever liveth to make intercession for us.” Finally, we pray Thee, O heavenly Father, to bless all our friends and relations, and all for whom we ought to pray; convert them by Thy Holy Spirit,—lead them in Thy truth, and guide them by Thy counsel through this life,—and finally bring them and us to Thine eternal and heavenly kingdom; for His sake, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, for evermore, Amen.

UNTO God's gracious protection we commit ourselves; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, now and for ever. Amen.

Ascension Day, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—Acts i., verse 1—14; or S. Mark xvi., verse 14 to end.

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ, with great triumph, unto Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ hath gone before; who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Father of all mercies, and God of all comforts,—we draw near unto Thee once more this evening, to raise our grateful tribute of praise and thanksgiving for all Thy goodness towards us. Above all we bless Thee for Thy love to lost and guilty sinners, in sending Thy Son into the world to “save His people from their sins,”—who hath now ascended into heaven, and intercedeth, at Thy right hand, for all that come unto Thee by Him. Bless this family and household; may our’s be the heritage of those that fear Thy name; may Thy Word be deeply engraved upon all our hearts—and mayest Thou be to us a God, and we to Thee a people, for evermore. Have mercy upon us this night; grant us protection from all evils and dangers—may we lie down at peace with Thee, and all the world beside; and obtain such refreshing rest and sleep, as shall enable us to serve Thee more vigorously on the morrow when we awake. Have mercy upon all who are in any sorrow or affliction; bind up the broken-hearted, comfort all that mourn, and make all things work together for good to them who love Thee. Bless Thy Church universal—and especially that branch of it with which we are connected;—enlighten, quicken, and purify it by Thy heavenly grace; spread Thy gospel everywhere, and hasten the time when Thy kingdom shall fully come, and Thy will be truly done on earth, as it is in heaven. We offer up these our imperfect prayers, in the name, and for the sake of, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Whit-Sunday, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—S. John xvi., verse 13—24.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the Author of all godliness ; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church ; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee ; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit ; grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things ; and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

O God the Holy Ghost, who art the Lord and giver of all spiritual Life,—we humbly beseech Thee to shed abroad this day Thy grace and power upon us and all Thy people, even as Thou didst upon Thine Apostles of old on the day of Pentecost. Send upon all ministers of Thy Word an abundant portion of Thy heavenly grace ; may many, through their means, be turned “from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto Thee ;” that so they may believe on the name of Jesus Christ, and receive remission of sins. Hasten the time when the “kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ,”—and when the “knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth, even as the waters cover the sea.” Be with us all in Thy house of prayer this day ; enable us to worship Thee acceptably, and worthily to magnify

Thy holy name; keep far from our minds all vain and worldly thoughts,—and may our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving be acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty. May Thy blessing rest upon us in our going out and coming in; hallow and sanctify all our occupations throughout the day; and make this rest from earthly toil and labour, a fore-taste to us of those eternal and heavenly joys which Thou hast prepared for Thy people above. We ask every blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour; to whom, with Thee, in the unity of the Father, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

UNTO God's gracious protection we commit ourselves,—the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace, now and for evermore. Amen.

Whit-Sunday, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—1 John v., verse 1—6.

O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost, to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place, whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to Thee for succour—the life of them that believe, and the resurrection of the dead; receive us, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son; saying, “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;” so give now unto us that ask; let us that seek, find; open the gate unto us that knock,—that we may obtain the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit, and may come to Thine eternal kingdom; which Thou hast promised, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HOLY Spirit, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and from whom all holy desires and good thoughts proceed ; do Thou pour upon us now the Spirit of grace and supplication, that our prayers and praises may be acceptable in the sight of our heavenly Father. Give us a deep sense of our own unworthiness,—but a firm trust in the blood of Jesus, our Redeemer, for the pardon of our sins, and in His righteousness, as imputed unto all them that believe. Bless the words of Thy gospel which have been spoken this day—may they be brought home to each and all of us, by Thy heavenly power and cause us to bring forth abundant fruit, to Thy honour and glory. May they be the means of awakening multitudes, throughout the world, to a knowledge of their sin, and of Him who “came into the world to *save* sinners; that so they may be saved among the remnant of Thy true Israelites, and be made “one fold under one Shepherd.” Have mercy upon all who have been kept this day by sickness or distress from Thy house of prayer ; bind up the broken-hearted, comfort the afflicted ;—make all things work together for their good,—and do Thou, in Thine own good time, raise them up again to health and strength, if it be Thy gracious will. Watch over this our household in love and mercy this night ; preserve us from all evil ; grant us such refreshing rest and sleep as shall prepare us for the duties and labours of the coming day ; and bestow upon us all other things that Thou seest to be needful for us,—who ask every blessing in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ ; to whom, with Thee and the eternal Father, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, *now* and for evermore. Amen.

Trinity Sunday, Morning.

SCRIPTURE—Revelations i., verse 1—8.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of peace; take away from us, we beseech Thee, all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder Thy people from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling,—one Lord, one faith, one baptism,—one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart and one soul,—united in one holy bond of truth and peace,—and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God, for evermore. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God; who hast given unto Thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith,—to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed Trinity, three Persons in One God, who art One in covenant for our redemption; we approach Thee, on this the morning of another sacred day, with heartfelt joy and thankfulness for all Thy tender mercies towards us. We adore Thee as the God of our life and the length of our days, in whom “we live and move and have our being,”—as our Redeemer, who hast “put away sin by the sacrifice of Thyself,” and who art “the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth,”—and as our Sanctifier, who hast “called us out of darkness into marvellous light.” And now, Lord, we pray Thee to bless this day our services *in Thy house of prayer; the preaching of Thy holy Word, and all*

other means of grace which Thou affordest us. May Thy Church be abundantly increased—may many wanderers be brought into Thy fold, and all nations know the glad tidings of the gospel. Bestow Thy Spirit of grace and power especially upon Thy ministering servants; may they with faithfulness and zeal tell Thy message of love to all mankind; and in Thine own good time cause their words to bring forth abundant fruit, to Thy honour and glory. Unto Thy gracious care we now commit ourselves; grant us all spiritual and temporal blessings which Thou seest to be good for us; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, and defend us this day from all evil; who livest and reignest One God, for evermore. Amen.

MAY God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, now and evermore. Amen.

Trinity Sunday, Evening.

SCRIPTURE—1 S. John iv., verse 7 to end.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee, such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee,—that we loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, save Thy people from their sins,

Who put their trust in Thee.

Be Thou to them a strong tower,

From the face of their enemy.

Lord, hear our prayer,

And let our cry come unto Thee.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, our heavenly Father, in whom "we live and move, and have our being," hear us ere we retire to rest this night, and forgive our many sins and iniquities, for the sake of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. We mourn over the coldness and deadness of our prayers,—the carelessness and inattention with which we have heard Thy holy Word,—and the imperfection of our best services. For *His* sake, pour down upon us Thy Holy Spirit; that what we *have* heard, may be kept alive in our hearts, and bring forth fruit unto everlasting life. For *His* sake, do Thou graciously pardon and absolve us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,—and finally, through *His* merits and righteousness alone, bring us to everlasting life. Bless the words of Thy gospel, which have been spoken this day, to the hearts of multitudes in all lands; bring home many wanderers to Thy fold; strengthen and comfort the weary and heavy-laden,—draw all manner of men unto Thee,—and hasten the time when Thy kingdom shall truly come, and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. And now, O Father, take us under Thy gracious protection this night; keep us from all evils and dangers, grant us refreshing rest and sleep, preserve us both in body and soul,—and do for us above all that we can ask or think; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, three Persons in One God, be ascribed all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

MAY the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

The Accession.

For the Scripture Portion read as follows :

O LORD, our governor ; how excellent is Thy name in all the world.

Lord, what is man that Thou hast such respect unto Him ; or the son of man, that Thou so regardest him.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done His marvellous works ; that they ought to be had in remembrance.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness ; and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men.

Behold, O God, our defender ; and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

O hold Thou up her goings in Thy paths ; that her footsteps slip not.

Grant the Queen a long life ; and make her glad with the joy of Thy countenance.

Let her dwell before Thee for ever ; O prepare Thy loving mercy and faithfulness that they may preserve her.

In her time let the righteous flourish ; and let peace be in all her borders.

As for her enemies, clothe them with shame ; but upon herself let her crown flourish.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel ; which only doeth wondrous things ;

And blessed be the name of His Majesty for ever ; and all the earth shall be filled with His Majesty. Amen. Amen.

Or else, read Romans xiii.

Amongst the Prayers for the day, read as follows :—

O LORD our God, who upholdest and governest all things in heaven and earth ; receive our humble prayers, with our hearty thanksgivings

for our sovereign Lady VICTORIA,—as on this day set over us, by Thy grace and providence, to be our Queen. And so together with her, bless ALBERT EDWARD, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family ; that they all, ever trusting in Thy goodness, protected with Thy power, and crowned with Thy gracious and endless favour,—may continue before Thee in health, peace, joy, and honour in *this* life; and after death obtain everlasting life and glory in the kingdom of heaven, through the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour; who, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. Amen.



SPECIAL PRAYERS TO BE USED IN ADDITION TO THE ORDINARY ONES.

S. Andrew's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle, S. Andrew,—that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay; grant unto us all, that we, being called by Thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Thomas's Day.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who for the more confirmation of the faith, didst suffer Thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's resurrection; grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

S. Stephen's Day.

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Thy truth,—we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled

with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors, by the example of Thy first martyr, S. Stephen; who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God, to succour all those that suffer for Thee; our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

S. John the Evangelist's Day.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church; that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist, S. John, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may, at length, attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Innocents' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths; mortify and kill all vices in us; and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocence of our lives, and constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conversion of S. Paul.

O God, who through the preaching of the blessed Apostle, S. Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, having his wonderful con-

version in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Purification of the Virgin.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God; we humbly beseech Thy majesty, that as Thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh,—so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; by the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Matthias's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who, into the place of the traitor Judas,—didst choose Thy faithful servant, Matthias, to be of the number of the twelve Apostles; grant that Thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son by the message of an Angel,—so, by His cross and passion, we may be brought unto the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Mark's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelist, S. Mark ; give us grace that being not like children, carried away by every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy gospel ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Philip and S. James's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life ; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life ; that following the steps of Thy holy Apostles, S. Philip and S. James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life ; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Barnabas, the Apostle.

O LORD God Almighty, who didst endue Thy holy Apostle, Barnabas, with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost ; leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts,—nor yet of grace, to use always them to Thy honour and glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. John the Baptist's Day.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence Thy servant, John Baptist, *was wonderfully born*,—and sent to prepare the way of Thy Son, our

'Saviour, by preaching of repentance ; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching ; and, after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Peter's Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy Apostle, S. Peter, many excellent gifts,—and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock ; make, we beseech Thee, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach Thy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. James, the Apostle.

GRANT, O merciful God, that as Thine holy Apostle, S. James, leaving his father and all that he had,—without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him ; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy holy commandments ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Bartholomew, the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God ; who didst give to Thine Apostle, Bartholomew, grace truly to believe and to preach Thy

Word ; grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Matthew, the Apostle.

O ALMIGHTY God, who, by Thy blessed Son, didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist ; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same, Thy Son Jesus Christ ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen,

S. Michael and all Angels.

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order ; mercifully grant that as Thy holy Angels always do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment, they may succour and defend us on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

S. Luke, the Evangelist.

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of souls ; may it please Thee, that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by Him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed ; through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen,

S. Simon and S. Jude.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head corner-stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Saints' Day.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS.

On Communion Sundays.

SCRIPTURE—1 Corinthians xi., verse 23—32; or Psalm cxvi.; or S. John vi., verse 27—40; or verse 51—63.

Almighty Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, who makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise Thee ; again, by Thy never-failing providence, Thou hast raised us up in health and strength to see the light of another holy day. We humbly thank Thee for all the blessings and privileges which it brings to us ; let not Thy Word which shall be read and preached this day, "return unto Thee void," but cause it to "accomplish that which Thou pleasest, and prosper in the thing whereto Thou sendest it." May we hear its message of mercy with joy and thankfulness, and may it bring peace and comfort to multitudes throughout the world. O Holy Spirit, sanctify and cleanse our hearts this day, by the in-dwelling of Thy sacred presence ; enable us to "enter boldly into the holiest, by the blood of Jesus ;" may we come forward in humble thankfulness, to take the memorials of His dying love, knowing that His blood "cleanseth us from *all* sin," and that His righteousness is imputed to us who believe in His name. Bless, O Lord, all our occupations this day ; enable us to keep it holy as unto Thee ; preserve us from all sin and evil,—sanctify us with Thy grace, and guide us by Thy counsel through this earthly life,—and finally after that, receive us with glory ; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Or this,

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons in One God ; acknowledge Thy holy name, for permitting us to see the light of another Sabbath. May the "Sun of Righteousness arise this day on us with healing in His wings ;" may Thy Holy Spirit mercifully enlighten those who are sitting "in darkness, and the shadow of death ;" and cause His mighty power to go forth with the Word of life this day ; to break down and subdue many hard hearts,—cast down all vain ; imaginations,—all human pride,—and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. May the ordinances of Thy

sanctuary, and the means of grace which this day affords, be especially blest to us; but above all, make that sacred feast by which we would anew commemorate the dying love of our risen and ascended Lord, a true season of spiritual blessing and comfort to all our hearts. May His body and blood which were given for us, preserve our souls and bodies unto everlasting life,—and may we truly feed on Him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. Watch over us in love and mercy throughout this day; go with us where we go, and stay with us where we stay; sanctify our every duty and pleasure,—and make each earthly Sabbath, a preparation to us for that eternal rest, which remaineth for Thy people everywhere; and to which we humbly hope to be brought, through the merits and mediation of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

On the Evening of a Communion Sunday.

O MOST merciful Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly thank Thee for the special mercies and blessings of this holy day, which is now drawing to a close. May we treasure up in our hearts the seed of Thy Word, which has been preached this day; may its fruits be seen and known of all men, and thus may they “take knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus.” May the remembrance of our Redeemer’s love,—which we have this day again commemorated around Thy table,—constrain us to live “no longer to ourselves, but unto Him who died for us, and rose again from the dead.” May the knowledge that He hath put away our sins to be remembered no more, and that now there is “no condemnation” to those who believe in Him,—fill us “with all joy and peace in believing,” and cause us to abound in every good word and work. And now, Lord, take us under Thy care and protection this night; preserve us from all

harm and danger, both now, and ever, through this our earthly life,—and finally bring us all to Thine eternal and heavenly kingdom; through the merits and for the sake of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(These may be read in place of the two final prayers in the usual offices for Sundays.)

(These may be read in addition to the Ordinary Prayers.)

On the Ember Days.

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of all good gifts, who of Thy Divine providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church; give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine and endue them with innocence of life,—that they may faithfully serve before Thee to the glory of Thy great name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church, by the precious blood of Thy dear Son; mercifully look upon the same; and at this time so guide and govern the minds of Thy servants, the Bishops and pastors of Thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of Thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function, give Thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Rain.

O GOD, heavenly Father; who, by Thy Son Jesus Christ, hast promised to all them that seek Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to Thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For fair Weather.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, who, for the sin of man, didst once drown all the world, except eight persons,—and afterwards, of Thy great mercy, didst promise never to destroy it so again; we humbly beseech Thee, that, although we for our iniquities have worthily deserved a plague of rain and waters; yet, upon our true repentance, Thou wilt send us such weather, as that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season; and learn both, by Thy punishment, to amend our lives, and for Thy clemency to give Thee praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In time of Dearth and Famine.

O GOD, heavenly Father; whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, the earth is fruitful, beasts in ease, and fishes do multiply; behold, we beseech Thee, the afflictions of Thy people; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we do now most justly suffer, for our iniquities,—may, through Thy goodness, be mercifully turned into cheapness and plenty; for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

In the time of War and Tumults.

O ALMIGHTY God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist,—to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent ; save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies ; abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices ; that we, being armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only giver of all victory ; through the merits of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the time of any Common Plague or Sickness.

O ALMIGHTY God, who, in Thy wrath, didst send a plague upon Thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron ; and also, in the time of David, didst slay with the plague of pestilence, three-score and ten thousand,—and yet, remembering Thy mercy, didst save the rest ; have pity upon us, miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality ; that like as Thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing,—so it may now please Thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS.

Birth of any Member of the Family.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father; we give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast granted us another child to bring up in the nurture and admonition of Thee; give Thy Holy Spirit to *him* that *he* may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Baptism of any Member of the Family.

WE yield Thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give Thy Holy Spirit to *him* who is to be baptized this day into Thy Church; that being born again, and being made an heir of everlasting salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ,—*he* may continue Thy servant, and attain Thy promise,—through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. Amen.

Confirmation of a member of the Family.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, who art the giver of all goodness; we beseech Thee to pour Thy blessing upon *him* who is to be confirmed this day,—and daily increase in *him* the manifold gifts of Thy grace; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill *him*, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

Marriage of a member of the Family.

O GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; bless these who are to be this day united together according to Thy holy ordinance, and sow the seed of eternal life in their hearts; that whatsoever in Thy holy Word they shall profitably learn, they may indeed fulfil the same. Look, O Lord, mercifully upon them from heaven, and bless them, and vouchsafe Thy grace unto them; that they obeying Thy will, and always being in safety under Thy protection, may abide in Thy love unto their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Illness of a Member of the Family.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God and Saviour; we pray Thee to show Thy mercy upon *him* who is now grieved with sickness. Sanctify this Thy fatherly correction to *him*; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and yield in *him* the peaceable

fruit of righteousness ; that if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory ; or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this :

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comforts, our only help in time of need ; we cry unto Thee now for succour in behalf of this Thy servant in our house, lying under Thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord ; and the more the outward man decayeth,—strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, the more continually with Thy Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Christ Jesus ; that *his* sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen ; that so *his* soul may be then received into Thine everlasting kingdom ; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Death of any Member of the Family.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord,—and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity ; we humbly bow to Thy will, in that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world ; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee, of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy kingdom ; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith

of Thy holy name,—may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Funeral of any Member of the Family.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life; in whom, whosoever believeth, shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle S. Paul, not to be sorry as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him. We meekly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, as our hope is this our *brother* doth; and that at the general resurrection, in the last day, we may be found acceptable in Thy sight; and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all them that love and fear Thee; saying, "Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world;" grant this we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Departure of any Member of the Family.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom we live and move, and have our being; we pray Thee to bless and preserve *him* who is now leaving us; watch over *him* and protect *him* in all dangers and troubles; save *him* from all sin and evil,—and though we part in the body, may we

be still travelling in spirit heaven-ward, and be together found acceptable in Thy sight, when our souls shall depart hence ; through the merits of Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

SPECIAL THANKSGIVINGS.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies ; we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men ; particularly to us who desire now to offer up our praises and thanksgivings for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto us. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for Thine inestimable love, in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory ; and we beseech Thee give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful ; and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord,—to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

For Rain.

O God, our heavenly Father; who by Thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man; we give Thee humble thanks that it hath pleased Thee, in our great necessity, to send us at the last a joyful rain upon Thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry; to the great comfort of us, Thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of Thy holy name; through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Fair Weather.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, who hast justly humbled us by Thy late plague of immoderate rain and waters; and in Thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our souls, by this seasonable and blessed change of weather; we praise and glorify Thy holy name for this Thy mercy, and will always declare Thy loving-kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Plenty.

O MOST merciful Father, who, of Thy gracious goodness, hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church,—and turned our dearth and scarcity into cheapness and plenty; we give Thee humble thanks for this Thy special bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to Thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Restoration of Public Peace.

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in an house, and stillest the outrage of violent and unruly people ; we bless Thy holy name that it hath pleased Thee to appease the seditious tumults which have been lately raised up amongst us ; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in Thy holy commandments ; and leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty,—may continually offer unto Thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these Thy mercies towards us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Deliverance from the Plague or other Sickness.

O LORD God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by Thy late heavy and dreadful visitation ; and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death ; we offer unto Thy fatherly goodness, ourselves, our souls and bodies, which Thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto Thee,—always praising and magnifying Thy mercies, in the midst of Thy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Return of any Member of the Family.

WE yield Thee humble thanks, most merciful Father,—that in Thy great goodness and tender mercies Thou hast restored unto us our absent one ; give us grateful and thankful hearts for this and all Thine

other undeserved mercies towards us ; and enable us to show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,—to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Day of Harvest Thanksgiving.

O GOD, our heavenly Father; who by Thy gracious providence dost cause the former and latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man ; we give Thee humble thanks that it hath pleased Thee to cause our land to yield forth abundance and plenty,—to the great comfort of us, Thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of Thy holy name ; through Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this :

O MOST merciful Father, who of Thy gracious goodness hast heard the devout prayers of Thy Church, and granted us a plentiful harvest ; we give Thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness unto us,—that our land may yield her fruits of increase, to Thy glory and our comfort ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving may also be read.

Calendar of Scripture Lessons,

TO BE READ THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT FAMILY PRAYERS.

JANUARY.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	Circumcision.	
2	Genesis i.	Genesis ii.
3	" iii.	" iv.
4	" v. 1—8, 21—end	" vi.
5	" vii.	" viii.
6	Epiphany.	
7	Genesis ix.	Genesis xii.
8	" xiii.	" xiv.
9	" xv.	" xvi.
10	" xvii.	" xviii.
11	" xix.	" xx.
12	" xxi.	" xxii.
13	" xxiii.	" xxiv.
14	" xxv. 1—23.	" xxvi.
15	" xxvii.	" xxviii.
16	" xxix.	" xxx. 1—24.
17	" xxxi. 17—end.	" xxxii.
18	" xxxiii.	Psalms xcii.
19	" xxxv. 1—20.	Genesis xxxvii.
20	Psalms ciii.	" xxxix.
21	Genesis xl.	" xli.
22	" xlii.	" xliii.
23	" xliv.	" xlv.
24	" xlvi. 1—7, 26—end.	" xlvii.
25	Conversion of St. Paul	
26	Gen. xlviii.	Genesis xlix.
27	" l.	Exodus i.
28	Exodus ii.	" iii.
29	" iv.	" v.
30	" vi. 1—14.	" vii.
31	" viii.	" ix.

FEBRUARY.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	Exodus x.	S. Mark i.
2	Purification of Virgin Mary.	
3	Exodus xii. 21—end.	S. Mark iii.
4	" xiv.	" iv.
5	" xvi.	" v.
6	" xvii.	" vi.
7	" xx.	" vii.
8	" xxiv.	" viii.
9	" xxxii.	" ix.
10	" xxxiii.	" x.
11	" xxxiv.	" xi.
12	Leviticus x.	" xii.
13	Numbers xi.	" xiii.
14	" xii.	" xiv.
15	" xvi.	" xv.
16	" xx.	" xvi.
17	" xxii.	S. Luke i. (1—39.)
18	" xxiv.	" i. 39—end.
19	" xxvii.	" ii.
20	" xxxii. 1—33.	" iii.
21	" xxxvi.	" iv.
22	Deuteronomy i. 1—21.	" v.
23	" iii.	" vi.
24	S. Matthias.	
25	Deuteronomy v.	S. Luke viii.
26	" viii.	" ix.
27	" x.	" x.
28	" xi. 1—17.	" xi.
29	Psalms cxliii.	Romans xii.

MARCH.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	Deuteronomy xv.	S. Luke xii.
2	S. Luke xiii.	Philippians i.
3	" xiv.	" ii.
4	" xv.	" iii.
5	" xvi.	" iv.
6	" xvii.	Colossians i.
7	" xviii.	" ii.
8	" xix.	" iii.
9	" xx.	" iv.
10	Joshua i.	Psalms li.
11	" ii.	Joshua iii.
12	" iv.	" v.
13	" vi.	" vii.
14	" viii.	" ix.
15	" x. 1—28.	" xxiii.
16	Judges i.	Psalms lxxxv.
17	" ii.	Judges iii.
18	" iv.	" v.
19	" vi.	" vii.
20	" viii. 1—28.	" ix. 1—21.
21	" x.	" xi.
22	Psalms cvii.	" xiii.
23	Judges xiv.	" xv.
24	" xvi. 4—end.	" xvii.
25	Annunciation of Virgin Mary.	
26	Psalms cxix. 129—144.	Psalms cxix. 145—160.
27	" cxxiii., cxxiv., cxxv.	" cxxvi., cxxvii., cxxviii.
28	Ruth i.	Ruth ii.
29	" iii.	" iv.
30	1 Samuel i.	1 Samuel ii.
31	" iii.	" iv.

APRIL.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	1 Samuel v.	1 Samuel vi.
2	" vii.	" viii.
3	" ix.	" x.
4	" xi.	" xii.
5	" xiii.	" xiv. 1—46.
6	" xv.	" xvi.
7	" xvii. 12—end.	" xviii.
8	" xix.	" xx. 1—17.
9	" xxi.	" xxii.
10	" xxiii.	Psalms lv.
11	Psalms lvii.	1 Samuel xxvi.
12	1 Samuel xxvii.	" xxviii.
13	" xxix.	" xxx.
14	" xxxi.	2 Samuel i.
15	2 Samuel ii.	" iii.
16	" iv.	Psalms lxxxv.
17	" vi.	2 Samuel vii.
18	Psalms xc.	" ix.
19	2 Samuel x.	Psalms xcvi., xcix.
20	" xii.	Psalms civ.
21	" xiv.	2 Samuel xv.
22	Psalms cvii.	" xvii. 1—24.
23	2 Samuel xviii.	" xix.
24	" xx.	" xxi.
25	S. Mark.	1 John i.
26	2 Samuel xxii.	" ii.
27	" xxiv.	" iii.
28	1 Kings ii.	" iv.
29	" iii.	" v.
30	" v.	2 and 3 John.

MAY.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	S. Philip and S. James.	
2	1 Kings viii. 1—30.	1 Kings viii. 54—end.
3	" x.	" xi.
4	" xii.	" xiii.
5	" xiv.	" xv.
6	" xvi.	" xvii.
7	" xviii.	" xix.
8	" xx.	" xxi.
9	" xxii.	2 Kings i.
10	2 Kings ii.	" iii.
11	" iv. 1—37.	" v.
12	" vi.	" vii.
13	" viii.	" ix.
14	" x. 15—end.	" xi.
15	" xii.	" xiii.
16	Psalm lxxxvi.	" xv. 1—22.
17	" lxxxvii.	" xvii. 1—23.
18	2 Kings xviii. 1—25.	" xix.
19	" xx.	" xxi.
20	" xxii.	" xxiii. 1—23.
21	" xxiv.	" xxv.
22	Ezra i.	Ezra iii.
23	" iv.	" v.
24	" vi.	" vii.
25	Psalm cxix. 33—48.	Nehemiah i.
26	Nehemiah ii.	Psalm cxix. 145—160.
27	" v. 1—13.	Nehemiah vi.
28	" viii.	" ix.
29	Psalm cxliii.	" xiii.
30	Esther i.	Esther ii. 1—11, 17—end.
31	" iii.	" iv.

JUNE.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	Esther v.	Esther vi.
2	" vii.	" viii.
3	" ix.	2 Cor. i.
4	S. Mark v. 21—end.	" ii.
5	" vi.	" iii.
6	" vii.	" iv.
7	" viii.	" v.
8	" ix.	" vi.
9	" x.	" vii.
10	" xi.	" viii.
11	S. Barnabas.	
12	S. Mark xii.	2 Cor. ix.
13	" xiii.	" x.
14	" xiv.	" xi.
15	" xv.	" xii.
16	" xvi.	" xiii.
17	S. Luke i. 1—39.	Galatians i.
18	" ii.	" ii.
19	" iii.	" iii.
20	" iv.	" iv.
21	" v.	" v.
22	" vi.	" vi.
23	" vii.	Ephesians i.
24	S. John the Baptist.	
25	Proverbs i.	Ephesians ii.
26	" iii.	" iii.
27	" iv.	" iv.
28	" viii.	" v.
29	S. Peter.	
30	Proverbs x.	Ephesians vi.

JULY.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	Proverbs xi.	Philippians i.
2	" xiii.	" ii.
3	" xv.	" iii.
4	" xvii.	" iv.
5	" xix.	Colossians i.
6	" xxi.	" ii.
7	" xxii.	" iii.
8	" xxv.	" iv.
9	" xxvii.	1 Thess. i.
10	" xxix.	" ii.
11	Psalms lxi.	" iii.
12	" lxii.	" iv.
13	S. John i.	" v.
14	" ii.	2 Thess. i.
15	" iii.	" ii.
16	" iv.	" iii.
17	" v.	1 Timothy i.
18	" vi.	" ii., iii.
19	" vii.	" iv.
20	" viii.	" v.
21	" ix.	" vi.
22	" x.	2 Timothy i.
23	" xi.	" ii.
24	" xii.	" iii.
25	S. James.....	" iv. 1—18.
26	S. John xiv.	Titus i.
27	" xv.	" ii., iii.
28	" xvi.	Philemon.
29	" xvii.	Hebrews i.
30	" xviii.	" ii.
31	" xix.	" iii.

AUGUST.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	S. John xx.	Hebrews iv.
2	" xxi.	" v.
3	Acts i.	" vi.
4	" ii.	" vii.
5	" iii.	" viii.
6	" iv.	" ix.
7	" v.	" x.
8	" vi.	" xi.
9	" vii.	" xii.
10	" viii.	" xiii.
11	" ix.	S. James i.
12	" x.	" ii.
13	" xi.	" iii.
14	" xii.	" iv.
15	" xiii.	" v.
16	" xiv.	1 Peter i.
17	" xv.	" ii.
18	" xvi.	" iii.
19	" xvii.	" iv.
20	" xviii.	" v.
21	" xix.	2 Peter i.
22	" xx.	" ii.
23	" xxi.	" iii.
24	S. Bartholomew.....	1 John i.
25	" xxiii.	" ii.
26	" xxiv.	" iii.
27	" xxv.	" iv.
28	" xxvi.	" v.
29	" xxvii.	2 and 3 John.
30	" xxviii.	S. Jude.
31	S. Matthew i. 18—end.	Romans i.

SEPTEMBER.

	EVENING.	MORNING.
1	S. Matthew ii.	Romans ii.
2	" iii.	" iii.
3	" iv.	" iv.
4	" v.	" v.
5	" vi.	" vi.
6	" vii.	" vii.
7	" viii.	" viii.
8	" ix.	" ix.
9	" x.	" x.
10	" xi.	" xi.
11	" xii.	" xii.
12	" xiii.	" xiii.
13	" xiv.	" xiv.
14	" xv.	" xv.
15	" xvi.	Psalm xvii.
16	" xvii.	1 Corinthians i.
17	" xviii.	" ii.
18	" xix.	" iii.
19	" xx.	" iv.
20	" xxi.	Psalm ciii.
21	S. Matthias.....	1 Corinthians vi.
22	" xxiii.	" vii.
23	" xxiv.	" viii.
24	" xxv.	" ix.
25	" xxvi.	" x.
26	" xxvii.	" xi.
27	" xxviii.	" xii.
28	Psalm cxxxv.	" xiii.
29	S. Michael.	
30	Psalm cxlv.	1 Corinthians xv.

OCTOBER.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	Psalms i. and v.	Psalms iv. and viii.
2	Psalms ix.	2 Corinthians i.
3	" xvi.	" ii.
4	" xix.	" iii.
5	" xxv.	" iv.
6	" xxx.	" v.
7	" xxxvi.	" vi.
8	" xl.	" vii.
9	" xli.	" viii.
10	" l.	" ix.
11	" lvii.	" x.
12	" lxii.	" xi.
13	" lxvi.	" xii.
14	" lxxi.	" xiii.
15	" lxxvii.	Galatians i.
16	" lxxxii.	" ii.
17	" lxxxvi.	" iii.
18	S. Luke.....	" iv.
19	Psalms xcvi.	" v.
20	" ciii.	" vi.
21	" cv.	Ephesians i.
22	" cvii.	" ii.
23	" cxii.	" iii.
24	" cxvi.	" iv.
25	" cxix. 57—72.	" v.
26	" cxix. 105—128.	" vi.
27	" cxxi., cxxii.	Philippians i.
28	S. Simon and S. Jude.	
29	Psalms cxxxviii.	Philippians iii.
30	" cxlvi.	" iv.
31	" cxlvii.	Colossians i.

NOVEMBER.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1	All Saints' Day.	
2	Psalm xi.	Colossians ii.
3	" xvii.	" iii.
4	" xx.	" iv.
5	1 Thess. i.	Psalm xxvii.
6	" ii.	" xxxiv.
7	" iii.	" xxxviii.
8	" iv.	" xlii.
9	" v.	" xlvii., xlviii.
10	2 Thess. i.	" liii., liv.
11	" ii.	" lvi.
12	" iii.	" lxvi.
13	1 Timothy i.	" lxxi.
14	" ii., iii.	" lxxiii.
15	" iv.	" lxxv.
16	" v.	" lxxxv.
17	" vi.	" lxxxix. 1—36.
18	2 Timothy i.	" xci.
19	" ii.	" xcix.
20	" iii.	" civ.
21	" iv.	" cvi.
22	Titus i.	" cxi.
23	" ii., iii.	Isaiah i.
24	Isaiah ii.	Psalm cviii.
25	Psalm cxix. 49—64.	Isaiah v.
26	Isaiah vi.	" vii.
27	" viii.	" ix.
28	" x. 1—25.	" xi.
29	" xii.	" xiii. 1—13.
30	S. Andrew.	

DECEMBER.

	MORNING.		EVENING.
1	Isaiah xiv. 1—23.	Psalm	viii.
2	" xvi.	Isaiah	xvii.
3	" xviii.	Psalm	xviii. 1—30.
4	Psalm xx.	"	xix.
5	Isaiah xxiii.	"	xxvii.
6	" xxv.	Isaiah	xxvi.
7	" xxvii.	"	xxviii. 5—22.
8	" xxix. 9—end.	"	xxx. 1—21.
9	" xxxi. or Psalm xlviii.	"	xxxii.
10	" xxxiii. 1—17.	"	xxxiv. 1—8.
11	" xxxv.	"	xxxvi.
12	" xxxviii.	"	xxxviii.
13	" xxxix.	"	xl. 1-15; 25-end
14	" xli. 8—20.	"	xlii. 1—17.
15	" xliii. 1—13.	"	xliv. 1—23.
16	" xlv. 11—end.	"	xlvi.
17	Psalm lxxxvi.	"	lviii.
18	Isaiah lxix. 1—17.	"	l. 4—end.
19	" li. 1—16.	"	lii.
20	" liii.	"	liv.
21	S. Thomas.		
22	Isaiah lv.	Isaiah	lvi.
23	" lvii. 10—end.	"	lviii.
24	" lix. 1—4; 9—end.	"	lx., or ix. 1—7.
25	Christmas Day.		
26	S. Stephen.		
27	S. John.		
28	Innocents' Day.		
29	Isaiah lxi.	Isaiah	lxii.
30	" lxiii. 1—16.	"	lxiv. 1—9.
31	" lxv. 1—19.	Psalm	xc.

SPECIAL LESSONS ON CERTAIN DAYS.

MORNING.	EVENING.	
Advent Sunday, .. Christmas Eve, .. Christmas Day, ... 1st Sunday after Christmas, New Year's Eve, ... Circumcision, ... Epiphany, ... Septuagesima Sunday, Ash-Wednesday, Monday before Easter, Tuesday ————, Wednesday ————, Thursday, ... Good-Friday, ... Easter Eve, ... Easter Sunday, ... Easter Monday, ... —— Tuesday, ... Ascension Day, ... Whit-Sunday, ... Whit-Monday, ... —— Tuesday, ... Trinity Sunday, ... The Accession, ... S. Andrew's Day, ... S. Thomas's Day, ... S. Stephen's Day, .. S. John the Evangelist, The Innocents' Day, ... S. Paul's Day, ... Purification of the Virgin, S. Matthias's Day, ... The Annunciation, ... S. Mark's Day, ... S. Philip and S. James, S. Barnabas's Day, .. S. John the Baptist, ... S. Peter's Day, ... S. James's Day, ... S. Bartholomew, ... S. Matthew's Day, ... S. Michael and all Angels, S. Luke's Day, ... S. Simon and S. Jude, All Saints' Day, ...	1 Cor. xv. 15-58, ... S. Matt. i. 18-25, ... S. Luke i. 39-56, ... S. Luke ii. 21-39, ... S. Matt. ii. 1-12, .. Psalm viii., ... Psalm ii., .. S. Mark xiv. 1-26, S. Mark xv. 1-20, ... S. Luke xxii. 24-37, S. John xiii. 1-20, Isaiah liii., ... 1 Peter iii. 17-22, ... Colossians iii. 1-11, S. Luke xxiv. 13-35, Acts xiii. 26-43, ... Psalm xxiv., .. S. John xvi. 13-24, Acts x. 34 to end, Acts viii. 14 to end, Rev. i. 1-8, .. Rom. xiii., ... S. Matt. iv. 12-22, S. John xx. 19 to end, Acts vi. 7; Acts vii. 22, S. John xxi. 15 to end, S. Matt. ii. 1-18, ... Acts ix. 1-22, ... S. Luke ii. 22 to end, Acts i. 15 to end, .. S. Luke i. 26-38, ... Eph. iv. 1-16, ... S. John i. 35 to end, Acts xiv. 8 to end, S. Matt. iii., ... Acts xii. 1-19, .. S. Matt. xx. 20 to end, Acts v. 12 to end, S. Matt. ix. 1-17, .. S. Matt. xviii. 1-14, S. Luke x. 1-24, ... S. John xv. 11 to end, Rev. vii. 1-4, 9 to end,	S. Matt. xxiv. 29-42. Isaiah lx. or ix. 1-7. Psalm lxxxix. 1-29. Psalm lxxxv. Psalm xc. Psalm xxxix. Ephes. iii. Psalm civ. S. Luke xv. 1-10. Isaiah lxiii. Isaiah i. 5 to end. Hebrews ix. 16 to end. S. Matt. xxvi. 17-35. Ephes. ii. 13 to end. S. Matt. xxvii. 57 to end. Acts x. 34-43. Psalm xvi. S. Luke xxiv. 36 to end. Acts i. 1-14, or S. Mark xvi. 1-14. 1 John v. 1-6. S. John iii. 1-21. Psalm lxviii. 1 John iv. 7 to end. Romans x. 9 to end. Ephes. ii. Acts vii. 23 to end. Rev. i. Rev. xiv. 1-13. 1 Cor. xv. 1-11. <i>See in the Daily Calendar.</i> S. John xiv. 1-14. Acts xv. 1-12. S. Matt. iv. Acts iv. 1-22. Rev. xii. S. Jude i. Rev. xix. 1-10.

SPECIAL LESSONS FOR OTHER OCCASIONS.

Communion Sundays, ...	{ 1 Cor. xi. 23-32. or Psalm cxvi. or S. John vi. 27-40. or ——— vi. 51-63.
Confirmation of any of the Family,	{ Romans xii. or Ephesians vi. 10 to end.
Marriage, ...	{ Ephesians v. 15 to end. Hebrews xii. 1-13. or S. John xiv. 1-27. or S. James i. 1-12. or Psalm xxxiii.
Illness, ...	{ S. Luke vii. 1-17. or Psalm lxvi. or Psalm cxvi. or Psalm cxlv.
Recovery, ...	{ S. John xi. 1-45. or Psalm xc., or Psalm xxxix. or 1 Cor. xv. 20 to end.
Death, ...	{ Genesis xxxi. 45 to end. or Psalm xcii., or Psalm cxi.
Departure, ...	{ Psalm xc., or cxlv., or cxlvi.
Return, ...	{ Psalm xcii., or civ.
Meeting of the Family, ...	
Harvest Thanksgiving, ...	

SPECIAL LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS,

WHICH MAY BE READ INSTEAD OF THOSE MARKED IN
THE DAILY CALENDAR.

	MORNING.	EVENING.
1st Sunday ...	Romans vi. 1-13, ...	Psaln cxi.
2nd Sunday ...	Psaln cxxii., ...	Psaln cxxv.
3rd Sunday ...	— ciii., ...	1 Corinthians i. 23 to end.
4th Sunday ...	— lxxxiv., ...	Psaln iv.
5th Sunday ...	— lxxxv., ...	— xxiii.
6th Sunday ...	— iii., ...	— xvi.
7th Sunday ...	— v., ...	— xxvii.
8th Sunday ...	— xxiv., ...	— xlii.
9th Sunday ...	— xxvi., ...	— lxiii.
10th Sunday ...	— xxix., ...	— xliii.
11th Sunday ..	2 Corinthians iv. 1-7, ...	Revelations xxi. 1-8.
12th Sunday ...	Isaiah lxi., ...	Psaln cxxi.
13th Sunday ...	Galatians iii. 7-14, ...	Romans viii. 33 to end.
14th Sunday ...	Psaln l. 1-15, ...	Psaln cxxvi.
15th Sunday ...	Psaln cxxx., ...	S. John x. 7-16.
16th Sunday ...	1 Corinthians xv. 1-11,	Isaiah xxvi. 1-9.
17th Sunday ...	Ephesians i. 1-10, ...	S. Matt. xiii. 1-9.
18th Sunday ...	Malachi iii. 1-6, ...	Revelations vii. 9-17.
19th Sunday ...	1 John iii. 1-8, ...	Psaln cxlvi.
20th Sunday ...	Psaln cxlviii., ...	Galatians ii. 16 to end.
21st Sunday ...	2 Corinthians v. 14 to end,	Ephesians ii. 1-10.
22nd Sunday ...	Isaiah lii. 1-10, ...	Psaln cxlv. 14 to end.
23rd Sunday ...	Jeremiah xxiii. 1-8, ...	Romans iii. 19 to end.
24th Sunday ...	Isaiah lxii. 1-7, ...	Ephesians v. 1-10.
25th Sunday ...	Colossians iii. 12-17, ...	Ephesians ii. 5-16.

THE END.





